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R. I. JOBS DECLINE MARGINALLY IN SEPTEMBER TO 406,800

"The September job total estimates dropped slightly due mostly to the effects of three labor disputes. Nonmanufacturing totals, most seriously affected by the labor disputes, remained even over the month, while manufacturing jobs declined," Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security reported today.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, there were 406,800 jobs in Rhode Island at mid-September. This figure represents a loss of 400 jobs in a month and 3,100 when compared with a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS REMAIN AT HIGH OF 271,000

The number of men and women gainfully employed in this State's nonmanufacturing industries remained at last month's high of 271,000. This total indicates a yearly gain of 100 workers.

Government employment declined by 1,400 in the month to 60,600 due in large measure to labor disputes at two of the State's educational institutions. Additionally, decreases in municipal government employment caused by the cessation of much of the Federally-funded summer employment programs more than offset gains reported in local education as schools resumed their full complements.

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NEW INITIATIVES BENEFIT BUSINESS AND WORKERS

Hire more workers, pay less taxes and save money! That's the thrust behind the U. S. Department of Labor's private sector initiatives aimed at you, the employer. They have been designed to provide industry with a highly skilled work force and to give disadvantaged workers more job opportunities. They're easy to understand and streamlined, with little or no "red tape". In most situations, there's just a single form to complete.

Key private sector efforts include a direct, uncomplicated Targeted Jobs Tax Credit and WIN/Welfare Tax Credit for employers, streamlined on-the-job training and improvement in the performance of the Job Service. Your participation can mean tax credits ranging up to \$4,500 over a two-year period for hiring members of certain targeted groups. It could also result in dollar reimbursement for training expenses and an opportunity to play an essential intermediary role between government, which has certain local, state and national objectives, and a capable private sector, which has the jobs necessary to meet our nation's employment goals.

The paperwork and the steps required to claim either the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit or the WIN/Welfare Tax Credit are minimal, involving a single certification form. You retain the form and you report summarized information from it with your federal income tax return to claim your credit.

To obtain more information on these private sector initiatives, contact your local Job Service office. They are listed on the last page of this Bulletin.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages, and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1979, must be filed by October 31, 1979, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

JOB SERVICE	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES		
	Sept. 1979	August 1979	Sept. 1978
Total Placements	1,977	3,201	3,791
New Applications	5,219	5,776	5,387
New Openings Re- ceived	3,691	5,404	4,961

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1979	August 1979	% Change from Aug
Initial Claims	8,014	9,167	- 12.0
No. of Payments	59,887	85,692	- 30.1
Amt. of Payments	\$4,742,493	\$6,774,343	- 30.0
Exhaustions	1,737	2,376 *	- 26.9

* Revised

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Sept 1979	August 1979	% Change from Aug
Initial Claims	1,410	1,955	- 27.9
No. of Payments	14,428	16,770	- 14.0
Amt. of Pay- ments	\$1,303,245	\$1,474,460	- 11.6

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed September 1979

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	15,071	100.0
Men	7,138	47.4
Under 45	3,893	54.5
45 and over	3,245	45.5
Women	7,933	52.6
Under 45	3,966	50.0
45 and over	3,967	50.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	826	5.5
Manufacturing	5,958	39.5
Public Utilities	560	3.7
Trade	2,360	15.7
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	530	3.5
Service	3,008	20.0
All Other	1,829	12.1
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,256	15.0
Clerical and Sales	2,802	18.6
Service	1,637	10.9
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	133	0.9
Processing	664	4.4
Machine Trades	1,445	9.6
Bench Work	2,448	16.2
Structural Work	1,194	7.9
Miscellaneous	1,681	11.2
Not Available	811	5.4

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	458.5	458.1	442.8
Unemployment	27.4	32.8	31.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.0	7.2	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.0	6.6	7.0

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	30,545	30,455	27,550
Unemployment	1,395	1,605	1,626
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	5.3	5.9

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	14,340	14,250	13,045
Unemployment	810	780	775
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	5.5	5.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

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New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978
ALL MANUFACTURING	135.8	136.2	139.0	- 400	- 3200	\$204.09	\$187.15	39.4	39.4	\$5.18	\$4.75
DURABLE GOODS	56.7	56.4	55.1	+ 300	+ 1600	233.11	214.25	40.4	40.5	5.77	5.29
PRIMARY METALS	7.0 +	7.0	7.0	0	0	261.22	246.50	44.2	44.9	5.91	5.49
FABRICATED METALS	10.1	10.1	10.0	0	+ 100	203.90	187.67	38.4	38.3	5.31	4.90
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.2	9.4	0	+ 800	289.73	281.65	43.7	46.4	6.63	6.07
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.7	12.6	12.2	+ 100	+ 500	199.12	177.95	38.0	38.6	5.24	4.61
STONE-CLAY GLASS	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 200	250.86	225.24	44.4	42.1	5.65	5.35
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	6.1	6.0	6.1	+ 100	0	236.33	212.06	37.1	35.7	6.37	5.94
INSTRUMENTS	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 100	+ 100	215.42	193.59	40.8	40.5	5.28	4.78
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 100	201.00	178.20	34.3	33.0	5.86	5.40
NONDURABLE GOODS	79.1	79.8	83.9	- 700	- 4800	184.30	169.89	38.8	38.7	4.75	4.39
JEWELRY SILVERWARE	30.6	31.0	34.4	- 400	- 3800	163.24	149.20	37.7	37.3	4.33	4.00
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.4	3.8	+ 100	- 300	210.32	218.66	36.2	37.7	5.81	5.80
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.2	13.3	13.1	- 100	+ 100	193.05	177.64	40.9	41.7	4.72	4.26
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	4.1	0	- 500	183.02	166.76	41.5	39.8	4.41	4.19
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0	211.50	189.42	42.3	41.0	5.00	4.62
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0	260.16	257.65	38.6	39.7	6.74	6.49
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 200	279.90	272.83	40.1	40.6	6.98	6.72
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0	190.13	202.28	37.8	40.7	5.03	4.97
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 200	202.40	186.81	39.3	40.7	5.15	4.59
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 100	126.73	120.36	35.9	35.4	3.53	3.40
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	6.2	6.3	- 300	- 400	169.79	144.87	37.9	36.4	4.48	3.98

LUMBER-FURNITURE.

1978 FIGURES REVISED. 1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

† LABOR DISPUTE

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND (Per 100 Employees) AUGUST 1979

INDUSTRY GROUP	ACCESSION RATE						SEPARATION RATE								
	Total			New Hire			Total			Quit			Lay-Off Rate		
	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
MANUFACTURING	6.8	8.7	6.5	5.2	3.5	5.6	6.8	9.4	6.6	4.6	3.0	4.8	1.1	5.5	0.6
DURABLE GOODS	5.2	7.5	4.7	4.3	3.1	4.1	5.3	7.6	4.7	3.3	2.2	3.0	1.0	4.6	0.7
Primary Metals	3.7	5.9	3.3	2.7	1.7	2.7	3.1	7.8	2.4	2.2	1.2	1.6	0.2	5.9	0.1
Fabricated Metals	4.4	12.3	5.2	3.7	3.3	4.0	6.1	11.4	4.7	2.9	1.7	3.0	1.4	9.0	0.3
Non-Elec. Machinery	3.3	2.8	1.3	2.4	1.6	1.2	3.1	2.9	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.1	0.1
Electrical Machinery	5.6	9.1	6.6	5.2	4.2	6.2	7.1	8.9	6.2	5.0	3.3	4.8	1.1	4.9	0.4
Instruments-Optical	4.8	10.0	6.3	4.5	2.5	5.4	4.3	10.0	4.5	3.1	2.2	3.9	0.4	7.1	0.1
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.8	4.5	5.6	6.6	3.5	5.0	8.3	4.5	6.6	5.8	2.6	3.5	1.2	1.3	2.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	8.0	9.6	7.7	5.8	3.8	6.5	7.8	10.7	7.9	5.6	3.6	6.0	1.2	6.1	0.5
Food-Beverage	15.2	8.2	10.9	7.1	3.4	5.3	10.4	7.6	6.1	6.1	5.4	3.8	3.4	1.8	1.1
Textiles	7.5	14.7	4.9	5.3	3.4	4.2	7.8	15.2	5.1	4.1	2.4	3.6	2.4	11.8	0.7
Apparel	7.2	16.8	8.4	4.9	2.8	4.1	7.3	18.7	5.4	3.9	2.4	4.7	2.7	14.9	***
Paper & Allied Products	7.6	5.5	6.3	6.7	3.4	6.0	8.6	5.9	7.8	5.9	2.9	5.7	1.0	1.7	0.5
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	6.7	5.0	6.0	5.0	3.3	4.3	6.9	4.0	6.0	5.0	1.9	4.2	0.2	1.0	0.4
Jewelry & Silverware	8.1	8.3	8.7	5.8	4.2	8.0	7.4	10.2	9.9	5.5	3.7	7.3	1.0	5.8	0.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	7.6	9.0	8.3	4.5	5.7	7.6	9.2	9.8	8.4	7.5	4.9	7.0	0.7	3.8	0.4

* RATES FOR AUGUST 1979 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JULY 1979 AND AUGUST 1978 ARE FINAL. INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	406.8	407.2	409.9	- 400	- 3100
MANUFACTURING	135.8	136.2	139.0	- 400	- 3200
NONMANUFACTURING	271.0	271.0	270.9	0	+ 100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.8	15.2	15.7	- 400	- 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.7	13.5	13.5	+ 200	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	81.4	80.5	82.2	+ 900	- 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.6	20.6	20.1	0	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	79.9	79.2	78.2	+ 700	+ 1700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.6 †	62.0	61.2	- 1400	- 600

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† Labor Dispute

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* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Contract construction employment declined by 400 jobs in September to 14,800 a figure 900 below that reported last year.

Transportation and Public Utilities employment was estimated at 13,700 up 200 in the month and showing a similar increase over the year's period.

The largest monthly gain was in the Trades sector, where 900 jobs were added, seasonally, to reach a total of 81,400 in September. In the Services segment, a total of 79,900 jobs were reported filled in mid-September, an increase of 700 over last month. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms reported stable employment over the month, remaining at 20,600.

FACTORY JOBS DOWN

The number of manufacturing employees in September was estimated at 135,800, down 400 in a month and 3,200 below the corresponding period in 1978. In the monthly analysis, four segments showed gains of 100, three showed losses ranging from 100 to 400, and twelve remained at the mid-August estimates.

In the Durable Goods grouping there was a monthly advance of 300. Electrical machinery, Transportation equipment, and Instruments all showed gains of 100 jobs over the month. All others in this grouping remained even with last month's estimates.

In the Nondurable Goods grouping, only Food-Beverages showed a gain (+100) over last month. Seven segments remained at the mid-August totals. Textile jobs declined by 100 while Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous manufacturing lost 400 and 300 jobs, respectively.

HOURS AND WAGES

The average manufacturing workweek increased 1.1 hours in September to 39.4 hours. Average hourly earnings for factory production workers in Rhode Island rose 7 cents an hour in September to \$5.18, producing a gross weekly earnings figure of \$204.09 in September.

RHODE ISLAND			
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)			
	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	456.7	460.5	438.6
Unemployment	23.0	27.1	25.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	5.9	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.6	6.0	6.5

JOB BANK	277-3588
or Enterprise	2265
TJTC Job Orders	277-6950

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue	847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	726-0500
PROVIDENCE	
Professional, Clerical & Sales	
40 Fountain Street	277-3579
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing	277-3556
Construction	277-3559
40 Fountain Street	
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant	
40 Fountain Street	277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.	231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. 523	277-3521
	294-4505
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center,	
Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARREN, 851 Main Street	245-9300
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 17 Providence St.	821-5400
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	769-8220

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SEASONAL DECLINE PLACES R. I. JOBS TOTAL AT 405,200

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NONMANUFACTURING JOBS EX- PERIENCE SEASONAL DOWNTURN TO 268,500

The number of jobs in this State's nonmanufacturing industries dropped to 268,500 in mid-October, a loss of 2,500 in the month and 1,400 over the year.

Employment in the Services industries (78,200) declined by 1,700 jobs in the month, nearly all attributable to normal seasonal downturns in Hotels/Motels, Amusement/Recreation, and Social Services jobs. Over the year, however, Services employment was up by 100 jobs.

Wholesale and Retail Trade, at 81,000 jobs, experienced a mild over-the-month cutback of 400 jobs, due mostly to seasonal losses in

LOOKING FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTS? DES COMPILES DATA FOR EMPLOYERS

Every business or firm employing fifty or more workers that successfully bids on a contract with the Federal government amounting to \$50,000 or more in goods and services must initiate and maintain an Affirmative Action Plan. By doing so, the firm pledges itself to a sincere effort to achieve equality in its workforce without regard to race, sex or membership in a minority group.

Copies of these Affirmative Action Plans must be filed with the Federal Office of Contract Compliance and they must contain current information about the local labor force, employment and unemployment levels, and additional data on women and minority group members of the work force in the area in which the contract-seeking firm is located.

All manpower information needed for Affirmative Action Plans is compiled on a regular, on-going basis by the Research and Statistics Unit of the Department of Employment Security's Labor Relations, Research and Information Division.

This information is available to any employer and can be requested by writing to the Department of Employment Security, Labor Relations, Research and Statistics Unit, 24 Mason Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 or by calling 401/277-3706.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Total Placements	5,189 p	1,977	2,158
New Applications	5,522 p	5,219	4,447
New Openings Received	3,848 p	3,691	3,681

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	% Change from Sept.
Initial Claims	11,227	8,014	+ 40.1
No. of Payments	60,176	59,887	+ 0.5
Amt. of Payments	\$5,095,671	\$4,742,493	+ 7.4
Exhaustions	2,037	1,737	+ 17.3

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Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	% Change from Sept.
Initial Claims	1,820	1,410	+ 29.1
No. of Payments	16,039	14,428	+ 11.2
Amt. of Payments	\$1,469,068	\$1,303,245	+ 12.7

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed October 1979

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	14,811	100.0
Men	7,141	48.2
Under 45	4,007	56.1
45 and over	3,134	43.9
Women	7,670	51.8
Under 45	3,720	48.5
45 and over	3,950	51.5
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Contract Construction	715	4.8
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Trade	2,104	14.2
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	Occupational Skills	
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,161	14.6
Clerical and Sales	2,733	18.5
Service	1,274	8.6
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	287	1.9
Processing	772	5.2
Machine Trades	1,603	10.8
Bench Work	2,461	16.6
Structural Work	1,216	8.2
Miscellaneous	1,875	12.7
Not Available	429	2.9

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	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	455.7	458.9	441.7
Unemployment	24.2	27.4	26.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	6.0	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.8	6.0	6.4

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	29,895	30,310	26,850
Unemployment	1,290	1,395	1,240
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.6	5.0

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	13,725	14,235	12,635
Unemployment	655	810	740
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	5.7	5.9

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DURABLE GOODS	56.9	56.7	55.6	+ 200	+ 1300	233.60	215.74	40.0	40.4	5.84	5.34
PRIMARY METALS	6.9 †	7.0 †	7.1	- 100	- 200	251.08	252.42	42.7	45.4	5.88	5.56
FABRICATED METALS	10.3	10.1	10.1	+ 200	+ 200	200.67	182.03	37.3	36.7	5.38	4.96
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.2	9.6	0	+ 600	288.77	282.76	43.1	44.6	6.70	6.34
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.8	12.7	12.3	+ 100	+ 500	192.51	176.18	37.6	38.3	5.12	4.60
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TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.2	6.1	6.1	+ 100	+ 100	269.84	226.56	39.8	38.4	6.78	5.90
INSTRUMENTS	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0	215.20	192.10	40.3	40.7	5.34	4.72
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 100	- 100	227.66	175.44	37.2	34.0	6.12	5.16
NONDURABLE GOODS	79.8	79.1	84.5	+ 700	- 4700	182.30	169.03	37.9	37.9	4.81	4.46
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	30.8	30.6	34.6	+ 200	- 3800	157.61	144.84	36.4	36.3	4.33	3.99
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.5	3.8	+ 100	- 200	196.04	212.78	33.8	37.2	5.80	5.72
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.2	13.2	13.1	0	+ 100	197.24	179.63	40.5	41.2	4.87	4.36
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	4.0	0	- 400	182.52	155.50	40.9	37.2	4.47	4.18
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0	195.70	184.63	38.6	39.2	5.07	4.71
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.4	5.3	5.3	+ 100	+ 100	285.19	267.71	40.8	40.5	6.99	6.61
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	3.2	3.4	+ 100	- 100	261.71	289.26	38.6	41.8	6.78	6.92
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 300	202.27	177.43	39.2	35.7	5.16	4.97
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 100	201.89	186.40	38.9	40.0	5.19	4.66
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 100	128.13	122.44	35.2	35.8	3.64	3.42
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	5.9	6.4	+ 200	- 300	163.62	153.22	37.7	35.8	4.34	4.28

* LUMBER-FURNITURE. 1978 FIGURES REVISED. 1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND (Per 100 Employees) SEPTEMBER 1979

	ACCESSION RATE						SEPARATION RATE								
	Total			New Hire			Total			Quit			Lay-Off Rate		
	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
MANUFACTURING	6.7	6.8	7.8	5.5	5.2	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.3	4.5	4.6	5.3	1.2	1.1	0.7
DURABLE GOODS	5.5	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.3	4.0	5.3	5.2	4.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	0.9	0.9	0.3
Primary Metals	2.7	3.7	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.2	3.9	3.1	2.4	1.5	2.2	1.3	2.0	0.2	0.2
Fabricated Metals	6.3	4.4	4.6	5.3	3.7	3.7	6.7	6.1	4.6	3.7	2.9	3.1	1.0	1.4	0.2
Non-Elec. Machinery	3.0	3.3	4.4	2.5	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.7	0.9	1.3	0.3	1.6	0.3
Electrical Machinery	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.4	6.8	6.7	7.1	5.4	5.0	5.6	0.4	0.8	0.1
Instruments-Optical	5.4	4.4	4.3	5.1	4.2	4.0	4.7	4.0	4.4	3.5	3.0	3.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.7	8.8	6.5	8.2	6.6	5.8	6.8	8.3	6.1	4.2	5.8	4.3	1.7	1.2	0.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	8.4	8.0	9.8	5.9	5.8	8.7	8.2	7.9	9.2	5.4	5.6	6.6	1.4	1.2	0.9
Food-Beverage	12.3	15.2	8.7	7.0	7.1	6.6	7.2	10.4	11.8	5.3	6.1	6.1	1.1	3.4	4.9
Textiles	6.4	7.5	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.9	7.8	6.1	3.6	4.1	3.5	1.0	2.4	1.7
Apparel	7.3	7.2	5.5	3.1	4.9	4.1	6.5	7.3	3.2	2.3	3.9	1.1	3.6	2.7	1.6
Paper & Allied Products	7.5	7.6	8.5	6.5	6.7	7.8	8.1	8.6	8.1	6.3	5.9	6.7	0.7	1.0	0.1
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	5.5	6.7	5.2	4.6	5.0	3.9	6.5	6.9	7.7	4.4	5.0	5.2	0.1	0.2	0.5
Jewelry & Silverware	8.2	8.1	10.8	6.5	5.8	9.6	9.6	7.4	11.2	5.6	5.5	8.1	2.4	1.0	0.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	6.6	7.5	15.4	5.6	6.3	14.5	8.4	9.0	9.7	6.9	7.5	8.4	0.3	0.7	0.2

* RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1979 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR AUGUST 1979 AND SEPTEMBER 1978 ARE FINAL.
 ** INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.
 ** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	October 1979	September 1979	October 1978	September 1979	October 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	405.2	406.8	410.0	+ 1600	— 4800
MANUFACTURING	136.7	135.8	140.1	+ 900	— 3400
NONMANUFACTURING	268.5	271.0	269.9	— 2500	— 1400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.6	14.8	15.8	— 200	— 1200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.7	13.6	— 400	— 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	81.0	81.4	81.2	— 400	— 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.8	20.6	20.1	+ 200	+ 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	78.2	79.9	78.1	— 1700	+ 100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.6	60.6 †	61.1	0	— 500

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† Labor Dispute

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* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Eating and Drinking establishments offsetting gains reported in most other trade segments.

Transportation and Public Utilities employment dropped 400 jobs to 13,300. Seasonal declines in Water Transportation and Utility Services accounted for most of the monthly decline. Contract construction also declined over the month by 200 jobs, to 14,600 in mid-October. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms showed a gain of 200 workers in the monthly comparison to reach 20,800.

The number of City, State and Federal employees remained unchanged over the month, at 60,600, despite the return of nearly 1,000 workers from a labor dispute in September. Losses in Municipal employment, due mostly to termination of CETA programs, and seasonal cutbacks in State jobs offset gains reported in the Local Education sector.

FACTORY TOTALS HIGHER

The mid-October survey revealed a gain of 900 manufacturing jobs to a 136,700 total; down 3,400 from the corresponding period in October, 1978. Durable goods firms employed 56,900 men and women in October, up 200 in a month and 1,300 over twelve months ago. Fabricated metals, Electrical machinery and Transportation equipment advanced by 200, 100, and 100 jobs, respectively, over the month. Primary metals, in a continuing labor dispute, and Other Durable goods each dropped by 100 jobs over the month. All other Durable goods segments remained at last month's levels.

There was a gain of 700 workers in the Non-durable goods segments, to reach 79,800. Employment in Jewelry/Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing grew by 200 jobs each over the month.

Food/Beverages, Printing/Publishing, and Chemicals each boosted employment by 100

jobs over the month. All other Nondurable goods segments remained at last month's totals.

HOURS AND WAGES

The average manufacturing workweek decreased 0.6 hours over the month to 38.8 in October, about the same as one year ago. Average hourly earnings rose 6 cents an hour in October to \$5.24, up 42 cents over the year, and producing a gross weekly earnings figure of \$203.31 in October, 1979.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	453.7	456.7	437.2
Unemployment	23.0	23.0	23.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.0	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.8	5.6	6.3

JOB BANK	277-3588
or Enterprise	2265
TJTC Job Orders	277-6950

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue	847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	726-0500
PROVIDENCE	
Professional, Clerical & Sales	
40 Fountain Street	277-3579
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing	277-3556
Construction	277-3559
40 Fountain Street	
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant	
40 Fountain Street	277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.	231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. 523	277-3521
	294-4505
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center,	
Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARREN, 851 Main Street	245-9300
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 17 Providence St.	821-5400
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	769-8220

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UPWARD SEASONAL INFLUENCE MOVE R. I. JOBS TOTAL TO 406,500

"Seasonal changes characterized the labor picture in November. As expected, the most significant movement was reflected in the expansion of employment in trade industries to handle holiday purchases," Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security commented today.

Preliminary estimates compiled by the Department of Employment Security indicate mid-November employment in Rhode Island was 406,500. This total represents a gain of 1,300 jobs in a month, and a decline of 3,100 when compared with a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Primarily reflecting seasonal trends, non-manufacturing employment increased by 1,600 in November to 270,100, up slightly from last year at this time. Wholesale-Retail Trade, the largest segment, gained 1,300 jobs in November, to reach 82,300, falling just short of the 82,500 total reached last November.

A WORD OF SINCERE THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

As 1979 draws to a close the Department of Employment Security extends sincere appreciation to those Rhode Island employers who provide information each month so essential to determining trends in the State's economy.

Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours, labor turnover rates and worker earnings are the basis for both the state and the national reports prepared by this Department. We are in the debt of the management of those firms who compile and faithfully transmit this data for inclusion in the Employment Bulletin.

We pledge continued publication each month of information that will assist you in reaching decisions and planning for the future.

To all readers of the Employment Bulletin we offer season's greetings and a hope for your prosperity in the years ahead.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES			
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Total Placements	2,136 P	3,189 P	2,157
New Applications	INA	5,522 P	4,489
New Openings Received	INA	3,848 P	3,030
	P - Preliminary		

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	% Change from Oct.
Initial Claims	10,394	11,227	- 7.4
No. of Payments	59,406	60,176	- 1.3
Amt. of Payments	\$5,006,109	\$5,095,671	- 1.8
Exhaustions	1,900	2,037	- 6.7

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	% Change from Oct.
Initial Claims	1,891	1,820	+ 3.9
No. of Payments	15,026	16,039	- 6.3
Amt. of Payments	\$1,506,407	\$1,469,068	+ 2.5

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed November 1979

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	14,358	100.0
Men	7,325	51.0
Under 45	4,054	55.3
45 and over	3,271	44.7
Women	7,033	49.0
Under 45	3,647	51.9
45 and over	3,386	48.1
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,259	8.8
Manufacturing	6,132	42.7
Public Utilities	507	3.5
Trade	2,011	14.0
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	474	3.3
Service	2,290	15.9
All Other	1,685	11.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,799	12.5
Clerical and Sales	2,829	19.7
Service	1,178	8.2
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	246	1.7
Processing	768	5.3
Machine Trades	1,537	10.7
Bench Work	2,796	19.5
Structural Work	1,505	10.5
Miscellaneous	1,373	9.6
Not Available	327	2.3

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	452.9	455.7	441.9
Unemployment	23.2	24.2	23.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.3	5.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.9	5.8	6.2

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	29,285	29,895	26,105
Unemployment	1,295	1,290	1,250
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.3	4.8

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	12,835	13,725	12,000
Unemployment	585	655	635
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	4.8	5.3

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
 Charlestown
 Coventry
 East Greenwich
 Foster
 Glocester
 Hopkinton
 Johnston
 New Shoreham
 Newport
 North Kingstown
 North Smithfield
 Pawtucket
 Providence
 Richmond
 Scituate
 West Warwick
 Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978
ALL MANUFACTURING	136.4	136.7	139.7	- 300	- 3300	\$206.72	\$191.84	39.3	39.8	\$5.26	\$4.82
DURABLE GOODS	56.8	56.9	55.7	- 100	+ 1100	235.94	223.15	40.4	41.4	5.84	5.39
PRIMARY METALS	7.0††	6.9††	7.1	+ 100	- 100	256.80	254.79	43.6	44.7	5.89	5.70
FABRICATED METALS	10.4	10.3	10.2	+ 100	+ 200	197.78	200.82	36.9	40.9	5.36	4.91
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.1	10.2	9.7	- 100	+ 400	305.64	293.48	43.6	46.0	7.01	6.38
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.8	12.8	12.3	0	+ 500	180.12	180.57	38.0	39.0	4.74	4.63
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.2	3.4	3.2	- 200	0	272.40	247.98	45.1	45.5	6.04	5.45
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.3	6.2	6.1	+ 100	+ 200	268.00	213.84	40.0	35.7	6.70	5.99
INSTRUMENTS	5.3	5.5	5.5	- 200	- 200	224.26	205.24	40.7	41.8	5.51	4.91
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.7	1.6	1.6	+ 100	+ 100	232.05	167.64	39.0	32.3	5.95	5.19
NONDURABLE GOODS	79.6	79.8	84.0	- 200	- 4400	186.34	172.27	38.5	38.8	4.84	4.44
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	30.7	30.8	34.0	- 100	- 3300	159.04	150.08	36.9	37.9	4.31	3.96
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.6	3.9	- 100	- 400	183.86	211.48	32.6	37.9	5.64	5.58
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.4	13.2	13.2	+ 200	+ 200	201.47	181.86	40.7	42.0	4.95	4.33
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	4.1	0	- 500	184.54	165.61	41.1	40.1	4.49	4.13
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.3	- 100	- 200	206.52	188.33	40.1	41.3	5.15	4.56
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 100	291.04	277.77	41.4	39.4	7.03	7.05
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.3	3.3	- 100	- 100	280.40	274.44	40.0	40.3	7.01	6.81
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 300	197.60	165.67	38.0	34.3	5.20	4.83
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 100	+ 100	209.48	196.80	39.9	41.0	5.25	4.80
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.5	3.4	3.3	+ 100	+ 200	129.96	120.06	35.9	34.8	3.62	3.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	6.1	6.1	- 200	- 200	176.27	145.71	39.7	35.8	4.44	4.07

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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND (Per 100 Employees) OCTOBER 1979

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATE								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Lay-Off Rate		
	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
MANUFACTURING	5.8	7.0	6.0	4.9	5.9	5.1	5.7	7.2	5.6	3.3	4.8	4.0	1.2	1.2	1.0
DURABLE GOODS	4.7	5.5	3.9	4.0	5.0	3.5	4.5	5.3	3.3	2.4	3.4	2.3	1.1	0.9	0.3
Primary Metals	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.9	2.2	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.2	2.0	0.1
Fabricated Metals	6.3	6.3	4.2	5.1	5.3	3.5	4.7	6.7	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.3	0.8	1.0	***
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.3	3.0	3.3	1.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	3.0	1.3	0.8	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.1
Electrical Mach.	4.1	6.5	4.8	3.5	5.9	4.6	4.3	6.8	4.5	2.8	5.4	3.5	1.0	0.4	0.1
Instruments-Optical	3.2	5.4	4.8	3.0	5.1	4.6	5.4	4.7	3.8	1.9	3.5	2.6	2.9	0.4	0.4
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.8	8.7	2.9	8.2	8.2	2.6	7.5	6.8	4.0	4.7	4.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	1.0
NONDUR. GOODS	6.7	8.1	7.4	5.5	6.5	6.2	6.6	8.6	7.1	4.0	5.9	5.1	1.2	1.4	1.4
Food-Beverage	5.8	12.3	15.5	11.8	7.0	10.0	12.1	7.2	16.7	8.6	5.3	10.1	2.8	1.1	5.7
Textiles	5.5	6.4	5.0	4.5	5.5	4.4	5.2	5.9	5.1	3.1	3.6	3.0	0.6	1.0	1.2
Apparel	6.0	7.3	2.5	3.2	3.1	1.6	5.6	6.5	5.4	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.6	2.4
Paper & Allied Prod.	6.2	7.5	7.6	5.8	6.5	7.0	3.3	8.1	5.1	1.9	6.3	4.1	0.3	0.7	0.1
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	4.4	5.5	6.5	3.2	4.6	4.2	5.1	6.5	5.3	2.7	4.4	3.7	0.7	0.1	0.5
Jewelry & Silverware	5.9	8.2	8.0	4.7	6.5	7.0	7.2	9.6	7.6	3.6	5.6	5.4	1.9	2.4	1.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	8.2	10.2	9.3	7.7	9.3	8.6	7.0	10.4	8.8	5.7	9.1	7.7	0.6	0.2	0.3

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 PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.
 *** LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	406.5	405.2	409.6	+ 1300	- 3100
MANUFACTURING	136.4	136.7	139.7	- 300	- 3300
NONMANUFACTURING	270.1	268.5	269.9	+ 1600	+ 200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.2	14.6	15.9	- 400	- 1700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.3	13.6	0	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	82.3	81.0	82.5	+ 1300	- 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.8	20.8	20.1	0	+ 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	78.4	78.2	77.2	+ 200	+ 1200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	61.1	60.6	60.6	+ 500	+ 500

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Local Education and Municipal Governments added 600 workers over the month, while State service dropped 100. The Services segment, in mostly offsetting changes, added 200 workers in November to reach 78,400, while the Transportation-Public Utilities and Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sectors remained even with last month's data, at 13,300 and 20,800 jobs, respectively.

Contract Construction work forces declined by 400 jobs seasonally, to a level of 14,200, down 1,700 from one year ago.

SLIGHT DROP IN FACTORY JOBS

Preliminary estimates indicate a fractional loss of 300 manufacturing jobs last month. The mid-November survey showed a total of 136,400 workers, down 3,300 over the year. In the 19 reporting segments, the changes in the month's period indicate 8 losses and 7 gains, none of which exceeded 200 workers, and 4 segments remained stable over the month.

Durable Goods industries remained relatively stable at 56,800 workers, dropping 100 jobs in November but showing a net increase of 1,100 over the year.

Nondurable Goods employment, at 79,600, was down by 200 jobs in the month and shows a work force loss of 4,400 over the year, mostly in overall, non-seasonal cutbacks in the jewelry/silverware industries, down 3,300 jobs from November last year.

HOURS AND WAGES

Gross weekly earnings for all manufacturing workers rose \$3.41 over the month to reach \$206.72 in November - up \$14.88 in a year. Hourly earnings were up 2 cents in the month to \$5.26 and average weekly hours worked rose .5 in November to 39.3, but were down a like amount over the year.

RHODE ISLAND Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	454.5	453.7	437.9
Unemployment	23.5	23.0	24.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.1	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.8	5.8	6.2

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R. I. JOBS OFF SLIGHTLY IN DECEMBER AT 405,900

"Seasonal changes characterized the Rhode Island Labor picture in December. As expected, the most significant occurrence was the expansion of retail workforces to handle holiday purchases. These gains were more than countered, however, by losses in Manufacturing," Director of the Department of Employment Security, Mary C. Hackett announced today.

Reports received by the Department reveal 405,900 men and women were gainfully employed at mid-December. This preliminary estimate, indicates a decrease of 600 jobs in a month to a level of 2,400 below the corresponding period a year ago.

NON-FACTORY JOBS UP

Nonmanufacturing employment increased, overall, by 900 in December, reaching 271,000 jobs. Contract Construction, Services, and State and Local Government indicated monthly losses of 100 jobs each. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms added 100 jobs, while Transportation and Public Utilities remained even over the month.

Wholesale and Retail Trade establishments bolstered the holiday workforce by adding 1,100 temporary personnel to reach a high for the year of 83,400, a level 700 below the previous December.

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EMPLOYERS! RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

The Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings in 1979. During the last fiscal year, which ended September 30, 1979, 64% of all the job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 29,745 job placements were made during that 12-month period. 39% of these placements were youth under age 22, another 18% were veterans, including nearly two thousand Vietnam-era veterans.

The Job Service is responsive to the needs of job applicants who experience barriers to employment. Almost 29% of the placements were economically disadvantaged individuals, another 17.5% were members of minority groups and 13% were persons 45 years of age and over.

The job Service is an experienced and adaptable public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings statewide; if you need workers, call your openings into the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265). There is never a fee for using the R. I. Job Service.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending December 31, 1979, must be filed by January 31, 1980, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES			
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Total Placements	1,648 P	2,136 P	2,598
New Applications	INA	INA	4,741
New Openings Received	INA	INA	3,324
	P - Preliminary		

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	% Change from Nov.
Initial Claims	27,126	10,394	+ 161.0
No. of Payments	70,668	59,406	+ 19.0
Amt. of Payments	\$6,015,999	\$5,006,109	+ 20.2
Exhaustions	1,999	1,900	+ 5.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	% Change from Nov.
Initial Claims	548	1,891	- 71.0
No. of Payments	8,408	15,026	- 44.0
Amt. of Payments	\$742,463	\$1,506,407	- 50.7

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed December 1979

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	16,423	100.0
Men	8,467	51.6
Under 45	5,231	61.8
45 and over	3,236	38.2
Women	7,956	48.4
Under 45	3,949	49.6
45 and over	4,007	50.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,516	9.2
Manufacturing	7,461	45.4
Public Utilities	568	3.5
Trade	2,186	13.3
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	496	3.0
Service	2,536	15.4
All Other	1,660	10.1
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,040	12.4
Clerical and Sales	2,433	14.8
Service	1,414	8.6
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	452	2.8
Processing	729	4.4
Machine Trades	1,705	10.4
Bench Work	3,409	20.8
Structural Work	1,880	11.4
Miscellaneous	1,894	11.5
Not Available	467	2.8

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	453.3	452.9	443.0
Unemployment	23.4	23.2	24.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.1	5.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.8	5.9	6.1

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	29,055	29,285	26,040
Unemployment	1,370	1,295	1,405
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.7	4.4	5.4

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	12,860	12,835	11,870
Unemployment	625	585	660
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	4.6	5.6

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978
ALL MANUFACTURING	134.9	136.4	137.8	- 1500	- 2900	\$212.13	\$195.91	39.8	39.9	\$5.33	\$4.91
DURABLE GOODS	56.8	56.8	55.7	0	+ 1100	247.76	229.77	41.5	41.4	5.97	5.55
PRIMARY METALS	7.1 *	7.0 *	7.1	- 100	0	253.86	258.05	43.1	44.8	5.89	5.76
FABRICATED METALS	10.3	10.4	10.2	- 100	+ 100	209.08	193.65	39.3	39.2	5.32	4.94
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.1	9.8	+ 100	+ 400	325.71	306.61	45.3	45.9	7.19	6.68
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.6	12.8	12.3	- 200	+ 300	201.11	186.12	38.6	39.6	5.21	4.70
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	274.34	272.14	44.9	46.6	6.11	5.84
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 100	282.31	233.50	41.7	37.6	6.77	6.21
INSTRUMENTS	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 100	0	224.13	206.59	41.2	41.4	5.44	4.99
LUMBER-FURNITURE	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0	217.06	173.44	38.9	33.1	5.58	5.24
NONDURABLE GOODS	78.1	79.6	82.1	- 1500	- 4000	186.73	173.88	38.5	38.9	4.85	4.47
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	29.9	30.7	32.8	- 800	- 2900	159.87	150.78	36.5	37.6	4.38	4.01
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.5	4.0	0	- 500	191.05	202.45	33.4	37.7	5.72	5.37
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.2	13.4	13.1	- 200	+ 100	200.79	185.27	41.4	42.3	4.85	4.38
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	- 300	179.65	163.93	40.1	39.5	4.48	4.15
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.3	+ 100	- 100	211.33	191.17	41.6	41.2	5.08	4.64
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	5.4	5.3	- 100	0	287.86	274.51	41.3	39.9	6.97	6.88
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 100	279.76	280.06	40.9	39.5	6.84	7.09
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 200	204.36	184.70	39.0	38.4	5.24	4.81
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 200	207.88	187.40	39.9	40.3	5.21	4.65
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.4	3.5	3.3	- 100	+ 100	127.09	121.79	35.6	35.3	3.57	3.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.9	5.8	- 400	- 300	172.66	148.32	38.2	36.0	4.52	4.12

LABOR DISPUTE.

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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND

(Per 100 Employees)

NOVEMBER 1979

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATE								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Lay-Off Rate		
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
MANUFACTURING	3.8	5.8	4.0	3.1	4.9	3.4	6.4	5.7	4.4	2.7	3.3	2.5	2.6	1.2	1.0
DURABLE GOODS	3.4	4.7	3.3	2.9	4.0	2.8	4.4	4.5	3.2	1.8	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.6
Primary Metals	2.7	2.7	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.2	1.8	3.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.1	1.2	***
Fabricated Metals	3.8	6.3	4.3	3.4	5.1	3.5	3.5	4.7	3.5	2.0	3.0	2.0	0.5	0.8	0.3
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.7	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.4	3.4	2.3	1.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	2.1	0.5	0.4
Electrical Mach.	4.9	4.1	4.5	4.4	3.5	4.0	5.5	4.3	4.4	3.2	2.8	3.4	1.5	1.0	0.3
Instruments-Optical	2.5	3.2	3.6	2.0	3.0	3.4	7.5	5.4	2.5	1.4	1.9	1.3	5.3	2.9	0.4
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	2.7	8.8	2.7	2.0	8.2	2.0	5.9	7.5	4.2	2.2	4.7	1.8	2.9	1.3	1.6
NONDUR. GOODS	4.1	6.7	4.5	3.3	5.5	3.8	7.8	6.6	5.2	3.3	4.0	2.9	3.3	1.2	1.3
Food-Beverage	8.8	15.8	13.7	7.1	11.8	11.1	15.5	12.1	7.9	7.4	8.6	6.4	7.4	2.8	0.9
Textiles	4.5	5.5	4.2	3.7	4.5	3.5	3.8	5.2	3.6	2.2	3.1	2.2	0.4	0.6	0.7
Apparel	5.9	6.0	4.2	3.2	3.2	2.3	7.1	5.6	5.1	2.0	2.5	1.9	3.2	2.0	1.9
Paper & Allied Prod.	2.5	6.2	5.3	2.0	5.8	4.9	5.6	3.3	4.0	3.0	1.9	3.0	1.6	0.3	***
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	3.3	4.4	6.7	2.2	3.2	5.6	4.0	5.1	5.7	1.9	2.7	4.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
Jewelry & Silverware	3.9	5.9	4.2	3.3	4.7	3.6	11.0	7.2	6.0	3.2	3.6	3.1	6.5	1.9	1.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	3.3	8.2	2.5	3.0	7.7	2.2	5.9	7.0	4.0	4.2	5.7	2.0	0.8	0.6	1.1

RATES FOR NOVEMBER 1979 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR OCTOBER 1979 AND NOVEMBER 1978 ARE FINAL.
 * INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS, STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.
 ** PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

*** LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	405.9	406.5	408.3	- 600	- 2400
MANUFACTURING	134.9	136.4	137.8	- 1500	- 2900
NONMANUFACTURING	271.0	270.1	270.5	+ 900	+ 500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.1	14.2	15.3	- 100	- 1200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.3	13.6	0	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	83.4	82.3	84.1	+ 1100	- 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.9	20.8	20.2	+ 100	+ 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	78.3	78.4	76.4	- 100	+ 1900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	61.0	61.1	60.9	- 100	+ 100

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FACTORY JOBS IN SEASONAL DECLINE

Jobs in Rhode Island manufacturing industries dropped 1,500 to a level of 134,900, or 2,900 jobs less than the comparable period one year ago. Employment in Durable Goods industries remained stable over the month at 56,800. Stone, Clay and Glass, Transportation Equipment, and Lumber-Furniture manufacturers also remained at last month's levels. Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Instruments each gained 100 jobs, but Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery firms lost 100 and 200 jobs, respectively, in the month. In the yearly comparison, Durable Goods were 1,100 jobs ahead of last year with no segment showing a loss.

In Nondurable Goods, manufacturing jobs dropped 1,500 in the month, led by sizeable cutbacks of 800 Jewelry-Silverware workers and 400 closely allied Miscellaneous Manufacturing jobs. The Nondurable Goods jobs total of 78,100 represents a loss of 4,000 positions over the year.

Food-Beverages, Apparel, Chemicals, Rubber, and Plastics manufacturers each reported levels even with last month's data, while Paper Products firms showed an increase of 100. All other segments reported losses.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Wages edged upward in December, primarily because of a longer workweek - up .5 hours over November. Weekly earnings of factory production workers averaged \$212.13 in December, up \$16.22 over the past twelve months.

Workers in the Durable Goods industries averaged \$247.76 a week in December, up \$17.99 from last year, due almost exclusively to higher hourly

earnings - up 42 cents in the year. In Nondurable Goods, the weekly average was \$186.73, up \$12.85 in a year. Average weekly hours were down .4 for these workers, but hourly earnings rose 38 cents.

The factory workweek averaged 39.8 hours in December, compared to 39.3 in November and 39.9 one year ago. The hourly rate for production workers averaged \$5.33 in December, up from November to a level 42 cents above twelve months ago.

RHODE ISLAND Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	460.2	454.5	440.4
Unemployment	29.2	23.5	27.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	5.2	6.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.6	5.8	6.4

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R. I. WORKFORCE DECLINED IN JANUARY TO 391,700, BUT WAS UP 2,200 IN YEAR

"Employment trends in January followed traditional patterns with sharp seasonal declines occurring in the Retail Trade, Construction, Services, and Jewelry/Silverware segments of the State's economy," Director of the Department of Employment Security, Mary C. Hackett reported today.

Preliminary estimates show that 391,700 workers were gainfully employed at mid-January. The monthly job reduction amounted to 13,000; however, the numbers of those working in January exceeded that reported one year ago by 2,200 jobs.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Previously published estimates for 1978 and 1979, prepared monthly in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, have been revised to the first quarter 1979 benchmark. Latest figures include data on new firms, expansion and/or contraction in existing firms not sampled, as well as non-covered establishments, and also reflects changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1978-1979. The differences between total employment data previously published for January to December 1979 and the revised data for those months amount to less than one-tenth of one percent for January and three-tenths of one percent for December.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS DOWN

Expected seasonal influences dominated the January employment changes in nonmanufacturing industries as sharp cutbacks occurred in Retail Trade, Services, and Construction segments. The latest estimate of 261,400 indicates a reduction of 10,500 jobs from December, but a twelve-month gain of about 3,100 jobs.

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PROFIT BY EXPERIENCE EMPLOY THE OLDER WORKER

National Employ the Older Worker Week will be observed during the period March 9 - 15. It is an appropriate time for us to examine our attitudes toward older workers. It is also a time for employers to consider carefully whether any lingering bias against older workers affects their employment practices. Hiring on the basis of ability, not age, is a matter of fairness. It is also good business.

Repeated studies have shown that, by every common measure of job performance, older workers are at least as effective as younger people. One survey found that workers reach their peak performance between the ages of 51 and 55; another that they do so between the ages of 56 and 60.

The number of workdays lost for all reasons declines with age. Workers in every age group over 50 years lose fewer scheduled workdays than those in any age group under 50.

Profit by experience! Employ the older worker. List your job openings with the Job Bank at 277-3588 (toll-free Enterprise 2265) or contact the nearest office of the R. I. Job Service listed on page four of this Bulletin.



EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
Total Placements	1,768	1,592	2,422
New Applications	6,093	3,783	5,711
New Openings Received	2,947	2,354	3,723

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	% Change from Dec.
Initial Claims	16,707	27,126	- 38.4
No. of Payments	101,673	70,668	+ 43.9
Amt. of Payments	\$8,998,784	\$6,015,999	+ 49.6
Exhaustions	2,647	1,999	+ 32.4

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	% Change from Dec.
Initial Claims	3	548	- 99.5
No. of Payments	68	8,408	- 99.2
Amt. of Payments	\$6,041	\$742,463	- 99.2

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed January 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	24,934	100.0
Men	14,437	57.9
Under 45	9,036	62.6
45 and over	5,401	37.4
Women	10,497	42.1
Under 45	5,674	54.1
45 and over	4,823	45.9
	Industry Attachment	
	Number	Percent
Contract Construction	4,060	16.3
Manufacturing	10,701	42.9
Public Utilities	849	3.4
Trade	3,261	13.1
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	1,002	4.0
Service	2,888	11.6
All Other	2,173	8.7
	Occupational Skills	
	Number	Percent
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,259	9.1
Clerical and Sales	3,686	14.8
Service	1,783	7.2
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	849	3.4
Processing	1,036	4.2
Machine Trades	2,769	11.1
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FABRICATED METALS	10.0	10.4	10.2	- 400	- 200	210.65	192.12	38.3	38.5	5.50	4.99
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.4	9.5	9.4	- 100	0	298.94	284.24	43.2	44.0	6.92	6.46
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	11.8	11.6	+ 100	+ 300	197.93	191.00	37.7	39.3	5.25	4.86
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INSTRUMENTS	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 100	- 300	230.58	200.29	42.0	40.3	5.49	4.97
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.0	1.8	1.9	+ 200	+ 100	200.64	182.85	35.2	34.5	5.70	5.30
NONDURABLE GOODS	74.1	76.2	76.5	- 2100	- 2400	189.81	176.15	38.5	38.8	4.93	4.54
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	27.1	28.7	29.7	- 1600	- 2600	164.13	156.94	36.8	38.0	4.46	4.13
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TEXTILE PRODUCTS	12.6	12.8	12.4	- 200	+ 200	204.40	186.12	41.8	42.3	4.89	4.40
APPAREL	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 100	0	184.17	162.43	40.3	38.4	4.57	4.23
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 100	206.63	189.26	40.2	40.7	5.14	4.65
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.1	5.2	5.1	- 100	0	281.30	259.39	39.9	38.6	7.05	6.72
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.1	- 100	0	284.20	280.41	40.6	39.0	7.00	7.19
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	- 200	183.05	184.12	35.0	38.6	5.23	4.77
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 300	215.47	191.12	40.2	39.9	5.36	4.79
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 100	- 100	127.09	123.20	35.4	35.2	3.59	3.50
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0	179.24	151.01	38.3	35.7	4.68	4.23

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MANUFACTURING	2.7	3.8	2.6	2.0	3.1	2.0	5.0	6.3	6.9	1.5	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.6	3.7
DURABLE GOODS	2.6	3.4	2.4	2.1	2.9	1.9	3.0	4.3	3.7	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.5
Primary Metals	1.8	2.7	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	1.1
Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.8	2.9	2.9	3.4	2.0	2.3	3.5	3.8	1.4	2.0	1.8	0.3	0.5	0.5
Non-Elec. Mach.	1.9	2.6	1.7	1.2	1.9	1.3	1.6	3.4	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	2.1	***
Electrical Mach.	3.3	4.9	3.1	2.8	4.4	2.8	4.1	5.5	3.1	2.3	3.2	2.1	1.2	1.5	0.1
Instruments-Optical	1.6	2.5	2.1	1.2	2.0	1.9	2.4	7.5	5.1	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.7	5.3	3.4
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.7	5.4	5.5	5.3	1.0	2.1	0.8	3.6	2.6	3.5
NONDUR. GOODS	2.8	4.0	2.8	2.0	3.2	2.1	6.4	7.7	9.1	1.8	3.2	2.6	3.8	3.3	5.1
Food-Beverage	3.3	8.8	8.8	1.1	7.1	7.4	3.9	15.5	12.5	1.5	7.4	8.6	1.4	7.4	2.9
Textiles	3.4	4.5	3.2	2.7	3.7	2.3	3.1	3.8	4.7	1.8	2.2	2.1	0.4	0.4	1.7
Apparel	5.0	5.9	3.5	1.6	3.2	2.2	7.5	7.1	6.3	1.2	2.0	2.4	5.5	3.2	3.4
Paper & Allied Prod.	4.0	2.5	4.4	3.0	2.0	3.8	6.1	5.6	8.1	1.8	3.0	3.1	3.6	1.6	1.9
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.7	3.3	4.0	7.2	1.4	1.9	1.6	1.4	0.9	1.3
Jewelry & Silverware	1.8	3.9	2.3	1.4	3.1	1.9	9.9	10.8	9.8	1.6	3.0	3.0	7.8	6.3	6.2
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	2.9	3.1	1.8	2.3	2.8	1.0	4.4	5.6	14.1	2.2	4.0	1.8	1.1	0.7	10.5

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*** LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	391.7	404.7	389.5	- 13000	+ 2200
MANUFACTURING	130.3	132.8	131.2	- 2500	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	261.4	271.9	258.3	- 10500	+ 3100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.7	14.0	11.3	- 2300	+ 400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	13.5	13.1	- 300	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.1	84.2	79.1	- 5100	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.8	21.2	20.5	- 400	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	76.8	79.4	74.5	- 2600	+ 2300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.8	59.6	59.8	+ 200	0

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The end of the holiday season resulted in the usual large decrease in Trade employment. The mid-January total of 79,100 was off 5,100 in a month (almost exclusively in Retail Trade), and was even with last January's data.

Employment in the Services segment of the economy declined by 2,600 jobs in the month to 76,800 in January, up 2,300 over the year. Contract construction jobs declined seasonally by 2,300. Mild weather in December-January held the job reduction to a lower than usual drop, and in the year-to-year comparison, jobs were up 400.

The Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate total of 20,800 was off 400 jobs in a month but up 300 over the year. Transportation-Public Utilities establishments reported 13,200 workers in mid-January, off 300 in a month but up 100 in twelve months. State and Local government units reported an increase of 200 jobs over the month to remain even with data reported for one year ago.

FACTORY JOBS DOWN

The number of manufacturing jobs, at 130,300, declined by 2,500 from December to January, and by 900 over the year. Slightly more than four of five jobs lost over the month were in the Nondurable Goods sector, led by a seasonal cutback of 1,600 Jewelry/Silverware workers. Textiles reported a drop of 200 jobs over the month. In the nine other Nondurable segments, there were four declines of 100 jobs each, four did not change, and one segment reported a gain of 100 workers in a month-to-month comparison.

In the Durable Goods sector, Fabricated Metals showed a decrease of 400 jobs over the month to 10,000, down 200 over the year. Lumber-Furniture added 200 jobs in January, while all other segments reported changes of 100 jobs or remained even with December's data. (NOTE: Although some real over-the-year growth occurred in the Primary Metals segment, the 1,100 job increase in the twelve-month period was due largely to the reclassification of several firms out of other industries into Primary Metals.)

HOURS AND WAGES

The average manufacturing workweek declined .1 of an hour in January to 39.7 hours. Average hourly earnings for factory production workers in Rhode Island rose 9 cents an hour to \$5.42, producing a gross weekly earnings figure of \$215.17 in January, up \$3.04 a week from December data.

RHODE ISLAND Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	459.4	460.2	427.2
Unemployment	35.0	29.2	33.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	6.3	7.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.7	6.6	6.9

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NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
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Professional, Clerical & Sales

40 Fountain St. 277-3579

Jewelry 277-3553

Manufacturing 277-3556

Construction 277-3559

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Tower Hill Road. 789-9721

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R. I. EMPLOYMENT DECLINES BY 1,200 IN FEBRUARY TO 390,500

"Employment figures in mid-February show a mixed pattern of continuing seasonal declines and cutbacks, as nonmanufacturing job losses out-numbered those in manufacturing by 5 to 1 over the month," Director of the Department of Employment Security, Mary C. Hackett, reported today.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 390,500 workers were employed in mid-February. The monthly reduction amounted to 1,200 jobs, and reflects a decrease of 500 jobs in the State over a one-year period.

NONMANUFACTURING

February job losses were concentrated in Contract Construction and Trade, as the number of non-manufacturing jobs in the State dropped by 1,000 in the month to 260,400. This figure represents a gain, however, of 1,500 over February 1979.

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Contract Construction continued its winter decline, posting losses of 900 jobs in the month, to a level of 10,800 — slightly higher than one year ago.

In the Services industries, a gain of 1,000 was reported, reaching a level of 77,800 and reflecting a yearly gain of 1,800 jobs. Much of this monthly gain was provided by the normal February increases in Private Educational institutions, and recent increases in the CETA programs.

In Transportation and Public Utilities, a labor dispute offset small gains in the industry, resulting in a monthly decrease of 100 jobs to 13,100 in mid-

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EMPLOYERS — TAX CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU!

The Work Incentive (WIN) Program was established to help employable persons receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) obtain training and jobs. Employers who hire WIN registrants qualify for a WIN/Welfare Tax Credit. Employers hiring persons who have received AFDC for at least 90 days are also eligible for the credit. The Revenue Act of 1978 liberalized the WIN/Welfare Tax Credit, making it more attractive for you to hire WIN registrants to meet your employment needs.

The increased tax credit amounts to 50 percent of the first year wages up to \$5,000 and 25 percent of the second year wages up to \$6,000 for each eligible employee. That means up to \$3,000 for the first year and \$1,500 for the second year.

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The paperwork — a single certification form — and the steps required to claim a WIN/Welfare Tax Credit are minimal. For more information, contact any office of the R. I. Job Service listed on the last page of the Bulletin or call 277-3727.



EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Total Placements	1,713	1,768	2,204
New Applications	5,390	6,093	4,580
New Openings Received	2,548	2,947	3,063

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	% Change from Jan.
Initial Claims	14,183	16,707	- 15.1
No. of Payments	94,184	101,673	- 7.4
Amt. of Payments	\$8,403,526	\$8,998,784	- 6.6
Exhaustions	2,311	2,647	- 12.7

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

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Initial Claims	3	3	0.0
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Amt. of Payments	\$5,483	\$6,041	- 9.2

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed February 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	23,583	100.0
Men	13,724	58.2
Under 45	8,758	63.8
45 and over	4,966	36.2
Women	9,859	41.8
Under 45	5,348	54.2
45 and over	4,511	45.8
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,717	20.0
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Public Utilities	882	3.7
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Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	764	3.2
Service	2,395	10.2
All Other	3,070	13.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,999	8.5
Clerical and Sales	3,085	13.1
Service	1,366	5.8
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	1,102	4.7
Processing	911	3.9
Machine Trades	1,969	8.3
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DURABLE GOODS	5.0	2.6	4.4	3.2	2.1	3.3	3.9	3.0	3.1	1.8	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.1	0.5
Primary Metals	3.4	1.8	3.9	2.5	1.3	2.7	2.7	1.3	1.8	1.5	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.2	***
Fabricated Metals	4.3	3.5	4.6	3.4	2.9	3.8	4.6	2.3	4.0	2.2	1.4	2.6	1.5	0.3	0.6
Non-Elec. Mach.	3.0	1.9	3.1	1.7	1.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.7
Electrical Mach.	5.0	3.3	4.5	4.0	2.8	3.9	5.6	4.1	4.6	2.8	2.3	3.1	1.8	1.2	0.5
Instruments-Optical	4.6	1.6	4.3	3.5	1.2	4.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.4	1.0	1.5	0.3	0.7	0.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.1	2.9	5.1	4.2	2.2	2.7	4.3	5.4	2.5	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.7	3.6	0.5
NONDUR. GOODS	5.7	2.8	6.9	3.2	2.0	3.9	7.8	6.4	7.1	2.5	1.8	3.2	4.2	3.8	2.4
Food-Beverage	5.4	3.3	13.7	2.1	1.1	7.2	3.0	3.9	11.5	1.2	1.5	8.6	1.1	1.4	1.2
Textiles	4.7	3.4	5.0	3.5	2.7	4.0	5.0	3.1	4.8	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.5	0.4	1.6
Apparel	10.3	5.0	8.2	4.3	1.6	4.2	4.7	7.5	5.5	1.8	1.2	2.7	2.1	5.5	2.6
Paper & Allied Prod.	7.6	4.0	7.2	4.1	3.0	4.6	7.0	6.1	6.5	3.4	1.8	3.6	2.8	3.6	1.9
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	4.0	3.7	3.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.3	6.6	1.6	1.4	2.4	0.4	1.4	1.0
Jewelry & Silverware	4.3	1.8	6.2	3.3	1.4	4.2	11.9	9.9	8.7	2.2	1.6	3.8	9.0	7.8	3.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	9.0	2.9	11.0	2.6	2.3	2.6	7.0	4.4	6.0	3.1	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.1	1.3

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*** LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	390.5	391.7	391.0	- 1200	- 500
MANUFACTURING	130.1	130.3	132.1	- 200	- 2000
NONMANUFACTURING	260.4	261.4	258.9	- 1000	+ 1500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.8	11.7	10.5	- 900	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.1 †	13.2	13.3	- 100	- 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	77.9	79.1	78.5	- 1200	- 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.0	20.8	20.6	+ 200	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	77.8 †	76.8 †	76.0	+ 1000	+ 1800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.8	59.8	60.0	0	- 200

1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. 1979 FIGURES HAVE BEEN REVISED.

† Labor Dispute

ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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February. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms showed an increase of 200 jobs to 21,000, while Government employment remained even with last month's data.

MANUFACTURING JOBS IN SLIGHT OVERALL DECLINE

Recent estimates reveal the number of workers in manufacturing establishments declined by 200 to 130,100 at mid-February. The Durable Goods segment totaled 56,900, up 700 jobs in the month and 1,100 over the year. In Nondurable Goods, the jobs total of 73,200 showed a loss of 900 workers in the month and represented a decline of 3,100 jobs over a one-year period.

In the Durable Goods sector only Fabricated Metals showed a decline, down 400 jobs in the month from 10,000 to 9,600. Stone, Clay and Glass firms held steady with 3,100 workers, while all other segments showed increases. Primary metals, in spite of a continuing labor dispute, increased by 300 jobs to reach 8,500 in mid-February. Transportation Equipment also expanded by 300 workers to a level of 6,800. In Electrical Machinery, the growth was 200 jobs to a total employment of 12,100. Nonelectrical Machinery, Instruments, and Lumber-Furniture each posted job gains of 100 over the month to reach 9,500, 5,200 and 2,100, respectively. Five of the eight Durable Goods industries showed over-the-year increases, two posted declines, and one remained even.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, down 900 jobs to 73,200 in mid-February, ten of the eleven segments showed little or no significant month-to-month change. Jewelry-Silverware was the big loser, posting a monthly job decline of 900 workers to a level of 26,200, and down 3,400 over the year.

Textiles lost 200 jobs to 12,400, still slightly above last year's figures. Apparel manufacturers added 200 jobs to 3,700, a level also slightly above the previous year's employment.

In six other Nondurable Goods industries, gains or losses amounted to 100 workers each, while two segments, Rubber and Plastics, remained even over the month.

A yearly comparison reveals that six industries showed increases, four had declines in the number of workers, and one remained even.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for manufacturing workers rose by 4 cents an hour in the month, and by 50 cents in the twelve-month period. Average weekly hours declined over the month and over the year, by .6 and .4 hours, respectively. Average weekly earnings for manufacturing workers stood at \$213.49 in Mid-February, down \$1.68 in the month and up \$17.57 over the year.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	462.2	459.4	441.6
Unemployment	37.5	35.0	33.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	7.6	7.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.0	6.7	6.5

JOB BANK 277-3588
or Enterprise 2265

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway . . . 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue . . . 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE
Professional, Clerical & Sales
40 Fountain St. 277-3579
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3559
40 Fountain Street
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant
40 Fountain Street 277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. No. 523 277-3521
294-4505
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center,
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARREN, 851 Main Street 245-9300
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 17 Providence St. 821-5400
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

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R. I. JOBS TOTAL ROSE 2,000
IN MARCH TO 392,500

Employment data for March indicate smaller seasonal gains in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries. The monthly increases reported today by Director of Employment Security, Mary C. Hackett are smaller than those normally generated by seasonal factors, and in fact, represent the second lowest growth rate for this period in the past decade, except for 1975.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 392,500 workers were employed in mid-March. The monthly increase amounted to 2,000 jobs in the State.

NONMANUFACTURING

March job gains were concentrated in the Services industries, as the number of nonmanufacturing jobs in the State grew by 1,400 in the month to 261,800 -- a decline of 500 since March 1979.

A gain of 1,200 jobs was posted by firms in the Services sector, occurring mostly in seasonal-sensitive industries such as Hotels/Motels, Amusement and Recreation, Repair Shops, Business Services, and Membership Organizations. Overall, employment in Services increased by 2,000 jobs in the year.

Government payrolls increased by 400 over the month to 60,200. Most of the increases were seasonal, occurring in local education where nonfaculty workers were back on the job after February vacation periods.

Contract Construction showed a smaller than normal seasonal increase of 200 jobs in March, to reach 11,000. Over-the-year comparisons show a decline of 500 jobs. Highway and other heavy construction (typically supported in part by Federal financing) was up enough to offset losses in the home construction and special trades sectors.

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WANTED:

EMPLOYERS WITH SUMMER JOBS:

The 12th Annual Governor's Summer Jobs Council for needy students 16 - 21 years of age is again being sponsored by the Department of Employment Security and the National Alliance of Business. The primary objective of the effort is to find summer jobs for students 16 - 21 with emphasis on placing the most needy first.

Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security, urges all Rhode Island employers to list their 1980 summer jobs with the DES Job Bank as soon as possible. Last year's campaign resulted in 1,631 jobs for young people in the private sector alone; nearly 31% of these went to minorities and 70% of the persons placed were economically disadvantaged. DES recruits youth applicants through schools, Community Action Programs and Call-A-Teen offices as well as through its own network of Job Service local offices. All youth are referred directly to the Job Service for registration and placement.

Orders for summer workers can be placed with the R. I. Job Service by calling Job Bank at 277-3588 or Enterprise 2265 (toll free).

NEED TEMPORARY HELP?

CALL CASUAL LABOR DESK

PROVIDENCE - 277-3553
PAWTUCKET - 722-3100
7 A.M. - 2 P.M.
MONDAY - FRIDAY

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending March 31, 1980, must be filed by April 30, 1980, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No Payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	March 1980	Feb. 1980	March 1979
Total Placements	1,588	1,713	2,307
New Applications	4,445	5,390	5,315
New Openings Received	2,608	2,548	4,580

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	March 1980	Feb. 1980	% Change from Feb.
Initial Claims	10,859	14,183	- 23.4
No. of Payments	90,130	94,184	- 4.3
Amt. of Payments	\$8,275,167	\$8,403,526	- 1.5
Exhaustions	2,505	2,311	+ 8.4

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below. Program triggered "on" effective for week beginning February 17, 1980. First week for which payments could be made was week ending March 15, 1980.

	March 1980	February 1980
INITIAL CLAIMS	5,889	3
NO. OF PAYMENTS	8,922	47
AMT. OF PAYMENTS	\$833,585	\$5,483

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed MARCH 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	22,726	100.0
Men	13,737	60.4
Under 45	8,884	64.7
45 and over	4,853	35.3
Women	8,989	39.6
Under 45	4,604	51.2
45 and over	4,385	48.8
	Industry Attachment	
Contract Construction	4,443	19.6
Manufacturing	7,834	34.5
Public Utilities	1,271	5.6
Trade	2,587	11.4
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	643	2.8
Service	2,748	12.1
All Other	3,200	14.1
	Occupational Skills	
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,607	7.1
Clerical and Sales	3,157	13.9
Service	1,549	6.8
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	1,096	4.8
Processing	906	4.0
Machine Trades	1,710	7.5
Bench Work	3,975	17.5
Structural Work	5,115	22.5
Miscellaneous	2,704	11.9
Not Available	907	4.0

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	459.5	457.2	447.6
Unemployment	37.1	35.1	32.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	7.7	7.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.0	6.8	6.4

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	29,180	28,805	25,195
Unemployment	2,195	2,095	2,175
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.5	7.3	8.6

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	12,980	12,995	11,510
Unemployment	935	925	905
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.2	7.1	7.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	130.7	130.1	132.1	+ 600	- 1400	\$216.31	\$198.70	39.4	39.9	\$5.49	\$4.98
DURABLE GOODS	57.3	56.9	55.7	+ 400	+ 1600	249.45	229.60	41.3	41.0	6.04	5.60
PRIMARY METALS	8.6	8.5*	8.4	+ 100	+ 200	265.25	263.57	43.2	45.6	6.14	5.78
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.6	10.1	0	- 500	210.37	192.14	38.6	37.6	5.45	5.11
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.6	9.5	9.5	+ 100	+ 100	305.64	292.54	43.6	44.8	7.01	6.53
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1	12.1	11.5	0	+ 600	203.37	191.69	38.3	39.2	5.31	4.89
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.2	3.1	2.9	+ 100	+ 300	296.30	247.78	48.1	43.7	6.16	5.67
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	6.8	6.8	6.2	0	+ 600	284.42	233.84	41.4	37.9	6.87	6.17
INSTRUMENTS	5.4	5.2	5.3	+ 200	+ 100	234.63	212.99	42.2	41.6	5.56	5.12
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.0	2.1	1.8	- 100	+ 200	209.25	189.57	37.3	35.5	5.61	5.34
NONDURABLE GOODS	73.4	73.2	76.4	+ 200	- 3000	191.02	177.97	37.9	39.2	5.04	4.54
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	26.4	26.2	29.7	+ 200	- 3300	162.98	152.66	35.2	37.6	4.63	4.06
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.6	3.1	- 300	+ 200	203.99	201.63	35.6	36.2	5.73	5.57
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	12.5	12.4	12.5	+ 100	0	202.11	187.39	4.15	42.3	4.87	4.43
APPAREL	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 200	182.28	168.50	39.8	40.8	4.58	4.13
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0	213.72	190.48	41.1	40.1	5.20	4.75
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0	283.29	273.64	39.9	40.3	7.10	6.79
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.0	3.2	+ 200	0	277.02	272.12	38.0	39.9	7.29	6.82
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.7	2.0	+ 100	- 200	232.74	202.73	43.1	42.5	5.40	4.77
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 300	208.13	203.03	38.4	41.1	5.42	4.94
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.3	- 100	- 200	133.46	122.15	35.4	34.9	3.77	3.50
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0	174.74	163.13	37.1	37.5	4.71	4.35

* LABOR DISPUTE
 1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND (Per 100 Employees) FEBRUARY 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
MANUFACTURING	4.2	5.6	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.3	4.5	6.4	4.3	2.0	2.3	2.3	1.4	3.0	1.1
DURABLE GOODS	3.8	5.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.6	3.4	4.3	3.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.7	1.6	0.8
Primary Metals	2.9	3.4	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.0	1.3	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Fabricated Metals	3.4	4.3	2.7	2.8	3.4	2.0	3.5	4.6	4.4	2.4	2.2	2.3	0.2	1.5	0.8
Non-Elec. Mach.	3.8	3.3	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	4.0	2.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.5	2.2	0.8
Electrical Mach.	4.8	5.0	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.6	4.8	5.6	4.5	3.0	2.8	2.7	0.9	1.8	0.7
Instruments-Optical	4.4	4.6	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.2	2.9	1.6	1.4	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.8
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	4.0	8.1	3.0	2.6	4.2	2.3	4.3	4.3	3.3	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.0
NONDUR. GOODS	3.1	6.1	5.0	2.1	3.5	3.8	5.0	7.9	4.9	1.9	2.7	2.7	1.7	4.2	1.2
Food-Beverage	7.4	14.3	7.8	5.3	10.3	5.4	9.5	9.5	13.5	6.6	7.4	9.3	1.9	1.1	2.8
Textiles	4.6	4.7	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.0	4.6	5.0	3.1	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.0	1.5	0.4
Apparel	4.6	10.3	4.9	1.9	4.3	2.9	5.2	4.7	5.0	1.1	1.8	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.0
Paper & Allied Prod.	4.4	7.6	5.9	2.4	4.1	5.1	8.1	7.0	5.4	2.9	3.4	3.9	2.8	2.8	0.6
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	4.8	4.0	4.4	3.3	2.5	2.9	4.4	2.9	4.4	2.1	1.6	2.1	0.6	0.4	0.4
Jewelry & Silverware	5.0	4.3	5.6	3.0	3.3	4.3	5.2	11.9	5.0	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.8	9.0	1.8
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	3.1	8.4	4.3	2.1	2.5	3.4	5.0	6.6	4.7	1.9	3.0	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.0

* RATES FOR FEBRUARY 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JANUARY 1980 AND FEBRUARY 1979 ARE FINAL.
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 *** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	March 1980	Feb. 1980	March 1979	Feb. 1980	March 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	392.5	390.5	394.5	+ 2000	- 2000
MANUFACTURING	130.7	130.1	132.1	+ 600	- 1400
NONMANUFACTURING	261.8	260.4	262.4	+ 1400	- 600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.0	10.8	11.5	+ 200	- 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.0†	13.1 †	13.4	- 100	- 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	77.9	77.9	79.6	0	- 1700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.7	21.0	20.6	- 300	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	79.0	77.8 †	77.0	+ 1200	+ 2000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.2	59.8	60.3	+ 400	- 100

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† Labor Dispute

* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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The Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sectors dropped 300 jobs in March to a total of 20,700 which is 100 higher than last year. Most of the monthly decline occurred in the Insurance and Real Estate segments.

Transportation and Public Utilities employment was down slightly (-100) to 13,000 with a continuing labor dispute still in progress in this industry. The Trade sector remained even with last month's level at 77,900, but is 1,700 jobs lower than a year ago. Gains in eating and drinking establishments were enough to offset employment losses in Car Dealerships, Building Materials, and Furniture and Appliance stores.

FACTORY JOBS INCREASE

The number of manufacturing workers increased by 600 from February to March. The latest estimate of 130,700 jobs shows a decrease of 1,400 over the corresponding period one year ago. Jobs in Durable Goods industries grew by 400 to 57,300, while non-durable Goods firms added 200 to reach a total of 73,400.

In the Durable Goods sector, Instruments gained 200 jobs in March, in part attributable to several firms reporting callbacks from long-term layoff situations.

Stone, Clay, and Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Primary Metals (aided by the ending of a long-term labor dispute) each added 100 jobs. Lumber and Furniture establishments lost 100 workers while the remaining durable goods industries showed no change from last month's employment levels. All industries in this sector except Fabricated Metals showed over-the-year increases.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, Jewelry/Silverware firms reported an increase after six consecutive monthly declines, of 200 jobs to reach a total of 26,400 in March, but this level remained 3,300 less than last year. Chemical Products firms also added 200 workers in the month, while Textiles and Rubber Products firms each added 100 jobs.

Food and Beverages establishments lost 300 jobs in a seasonal decline to a total of 3,300 and Leather Products was also down 100 in the month. All other segments remained even with last month's employment levels.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production and related workers gained 3 cents over the month to reach \$5.49 an hour in March, up 51 cents in the year.

Average weekly hours worked rose by 3 hours in March, to 39.4 down 5 hours over the past twelve months.

Gross average weekly earnings were \$216.31 in mid-March, up \$2.82 in the month and \$17.61 over the year.

RHODE ISLAND Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	March 1980	Feb. 1980	March 1979
Civilian Labor Force	462.6	462.2	445.1
Unemployment	35.0	37.5	30.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	8.1	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.9	7.0	6.2

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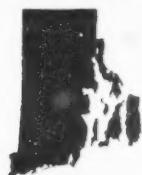
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R. I. JOBS TOTAL ROSE 1,400 IN APRIL TO 393,900

Employment gains in nonmanufacturing industries, while smaller than normal for this time of year, were large enough to more than offset declines in the manufacturing sector, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, show that 393,900 workers were employed in mid-April. The monthly increase amounted to 1,400 jobs in the State, but indicates a loss of 2,600 jobs over the past year.

NONMANUFACTURING

April job gains were concentrated in the Services and Construction industries as the number of nonmanufacturing jobs in the State grew by 2,400 in the month to 264,200 -- a decline of 900 jobs since April 1979.

A gain of 1,400 jobs was recorded in the Services sector, occurring mostly in seasonal oriented industries such as Hotel/Motels, Repair Shops, Amusement/Recreation, and Landscaping. Overall, employment in Services increased by 1,300 jobs in the year.

Construction jobs again showed a smaller than normal seasonal increase of 900 jobs in April to reach 11,900. Over-the-year comparisons show a decline of 1,600 jobs. Highway and other heavy construction was up seasonally as expected and continues to be the growth leader in this sector. Employment in the General Contractors and the closely allied Special Trades segments of the industry remained fairly even over the month. The lack of normal seasonal growth in these two segments fully accounted for the reported yearly decline of 1,600 jobs.

Government payrolls increased by 400 jobs over the month to 60,600. Most of the increases were in the local government sector. In addition, hiring to complete the decennial census added about 100 jobs to the federal payrolls.

The Trade sector grew by 200 jobs in April to reach 78,100 a total of 1,700 less than that reported one year ago. A

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SUMMER JOBS NEEDED

Employers are urged to list their 1980 summer jobs with the Department of Employment Security Job Bank as soon as possible.

Thousands of young people from high school and college classrooms will be seeking jobs to help finance their education in the fall. For many of these young people the continuation of their studies depends heavily on their ability to finance it through summer employment.

Work experience this summer will give potential members of the Rhode Island work force an understanding and a knowledge of the world of work that will make them aware of the various opportunities in Rhode Island. It will also enable them to become better job candidates in the future.

Orders for summer jobs can be placed by calling the Job Bank at 277-3588; employers outside the metropolitan area can call the toll-free Enterprise 2265 exchange. A complete listing of the Rhode Island Job Service offices is on the last page of this Bulletin.

	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES		
	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979
Total Placements	1,926	1,588	2,106
New Applications	4,579	4,445	3,965
New Openings Received	3,086	2,608	3,733

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	April 1980	March 1980	% Change from March
Initial Claims	13,697	10,859	+ 26.1
No. of Payments	82,878	90,130	- 8.0
Amt. of Payments	\$7,326,484	\$8,275,167	- 11.5
Exhaustions	2,816	2,505	+ 12.4

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	April 1980	March 1980	% Change from March
INITIAL CLAIMS	2,160	5,889	- 63.3
NO. OF PAYMENTS	24,032	8,922	+ 169.4
AMT. OF PAYMENTS	\$2,110,323	\$833,585	+ 153.2

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

April 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	18,895	100.0
Men	10,647	56.3
Under 45	7,194	67.6
45 and over	3,453	32.4
Women	8,248	43.7
Under 45	4,659	56.5
45 and over	3,589	43.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,589	19.0
Manufacturing	7,359	38.9
Public Utilities	905	4.8
Trade	2,398	12.7
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	528	2.8
Service	1,915	10.1
All Other	2,201	11.6
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,674	8.9
Clerical and Sales	2,564	13.6
Service	1,176	6.2
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	347	1.8
Processing	498	2.6
Machine Trades	1,673	8.9
Bench Work	3,242	17.2
Structural Work	3,981	21.1
Miscellaneous	2,534	13.4
Not Available	1,206	6.4

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	March 1980	Feb. 1980	March 1979
Civilian Labor Force	459.5	459.5	449.3
Unemployment	34.8	37.1	30.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	8.1	6.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	6.9	7.0	6.2

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	March 1980	Feb. 1980	March 1979
Civilian Labor Force	29,335	29,180	26,045
Unemployment	1,870	2,195	1,825
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	7.5	7.0

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	March 1980	Feb. 1980	March 1979
Civilian Labor Force	13,080	12,980	12,035
Unemployment	865	935	820
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.6	7.2	6.8

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	129.7	130.7	131.3	- 1000	-1700	\$214.42	\$191.62	39.2	38.4	\$5.47	\$4.99
DURABLE GOODS	57.3	57.3	55.9	0	+1400	245.42	220.18	40.7	39.6	6.03	5.56
PRIMARY METALS	8.5	8.6	8.4	- 100	+ 100	257.61	246.51	42.3	43.4	6.09	5.68
FABRICATED METALS	9.5	9.6	10.0	- 100	- 500	205.88	188.19	37.5	36.9	5.49	5.10
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.5	9.6	9.3	- 100	+ 200	302.02	283.12	42.9	44.1	7.04	6.42
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.3	12.1	11.6	+ 200	+ 700	204.91	181.02	38.3	37.4	5.35	4.84
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 100	286.12	237.22	46.6	40.9	6.14	5.80
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.8	6.8	6.1	0	+ 700	278.51	229.03	41.2	37.0	6.76	6.19
INSTRUMENTS	5.5	5.4	5.3	+ 100	+ 200	228.11	206.11	41.4	40.1	5.51	5.14
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 100	215.42	183.85	38.4	34.3	5.61	5.36
NONDURABLE GOODS	72.4	73.4	75.5	- 1000	-3100	189.50	172.58	37.9	37.6	5.00	4.59
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	25.8	26.4	29.1	- 600	-3300	161.42	148.37	35.4	36.1	4.56	4.11
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.3	3.1	- 200	0	215.18	197.33	37.1	35.3	5.80	5.59
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	12.7	12.5	12.5	+ 200	+ 200	200.79	183.19	41.4	40.8	4.85	4.49
APPAREL	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 100	182.34	156.09	39.9	36.9	4.57	4.23
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.9	2.9	- 200	- 200	202.10	185.76	40.1	38.7	5.04	4.80
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 100	279.85	267.33	38.6	39.9	7.25	6.70
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.2	- 100	- 100	283.80	266.88	38.3	38.4	7.41	6.95
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 100	- 200	211.92	193.04	39.1	40.3	5.42	4.79
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.6	5.7	5.3	- 100	+ 300	209.52	192.66	38.8	39.0	5.40	4.94
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.0	3.1	3.2	- 100	- 200	137.21	119.72	36.3	32.8	3.78	3.65
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.6	5.4	+ 200	+ 400	176.61	161.01	37.9	37.1	4.66	4.34

1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.

ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND (Per 100 Employees) March 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATE		
	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.2	4.9	2.9	2.8	3.7	4.6	4.5	5.2	1.9	2.0	2.9	1.9	1.4	1.3
DURABLE GOODS	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.3	4.1	1.7	1.8	2.3	0.6	0.7	0.9
Primary Metals	3.5	2.9	2.4	3.1	2.6	2.2	3.1	2.2	2.3	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.4	0.2	0.1
Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.3	2.6	2.6	3.7	3.1	4.9	2.2	2.1	3.1	0.5	0.2	0.6
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.6	3.8	2.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.7
Electrical Mach.	4.8	4.8	5.4	3.4	3.6	4.6	3.5	4.8	6.0	2.6	3.0	3.4	0.3	0.9	1.5
Instruments-Optical	5.1	4.4	4.0	4.3	3.1	3.4	2.1	2.7	2.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.7
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	5.6	3.8	4.4	4.1	2.5	2.7	3.3	4.0	4.2	1.8	1.6	2.2	0.6	1.5	1.1
NONDUR. GOODS	4.5	4.6	5.5	2.7	3.0	4.2	5.9	5.3	6.0	2.1	2.2	3.3	2.9	2.0	1.6
Food-Beverage	3.3	7.4	3.7	1.9	5.3	1.6	3.2	9.5	16.9	1.4	6.6	3.2	1.5	1.9	12.8
Textiles	5.7	4.6	3.8	4.5	3.7	3.2	4.6	4.6	3.9	2.6	2.4	2.0	0.7	1.0	1.0
Apparel	5.5	4.6	4.6	2.4	1.9	3.6	4.3	5.2	5.9	1.6	1.1	2.5	1.6	2.5	2.7
Paper & Allied Prod.	3.9	4.4	5.0	2.7	2.4	3.9	4.1	8.1	7.6	2.3	2.9	4.2	0.9	2.8	2.2
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	4.2	4.8	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.0	4.5	4.4	4.6	2.1	2.1	2.6	1.1	0.6	0.5
Jewelry & Silverware	4.5	5.0	7.3	1.9	3.0	5.5	7.3	5.2	7.2	2.1	1.8	4.4	4.8	2.8	1.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	3.6	3.1	4.5	2.5	2.1	3.7	6.2	5.0	3.9	2.0	1.9	2.5	3.2	1.7	0.5

RATES FOR MARCH 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR FEBRUARY 1980 AND MARCH 1979 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979	March 1980	April 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	393.9	392.5	396.5	+ 1400	- 2600
MANUFACTURING	129.7	130.7	131.4	- 1000	- 1700
NONMANUFACTURING	264.2	261.8	265.1	+ 2400	- 900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.9	11.0	13.5	+ 900	- 1600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.9 †	13.0 †	13.1	- 100	- 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.1	77.9	79.8	+ 200	- 1700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.3	20.7	20.6	- 400	- 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	80.4	79.0	79.1	+ 1400	+ 1300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.6	60.2	59.0 †	+ 400	+ 1600

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† Labor Dispute

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majority of the industries in the Wholesale and Retail Grade segment showed over-the-month declines, which were offset primarily by seasonal increases in eating and drinking establishments. The over-the-year losses in Trade are concentrated in the Wholesale Trade of nondurable goods, and retail firms in Building Materials and Automobile Dealers.

Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms declines by 400 jobs over the month to 20,300 in mid-April and down 300 over the year. Transportation and Public Utilities employment was down slightly (-100) and from March to April to 12,900 with a continuing labor dispute.

FACTORY JOBS DECLINE

The number of manufacturing jobs in the State dropped by 1,000 to 129,700 in mid-April. The current total represents a decline of 1,700 jobs over the corresponding period one year ago. Employment in the Durable Goods sector remained the same as last month at 57,300, but showed a yearly gain of 1,400. Nondurable Goods firms lost 1,000 jobs over the month, and at 72,400 in mid-April, stood 3,100 jobs below last year's data.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, Jewelry/Silverware firms reported a decline of 600 jobs in April to a level of 25,800 or 3,300 jobs less than that reported one year ago. The current Jewelry/Silverware employment is the lowest since July 1976.

Food/Beverage firms declined seasonally by 200 jobs to 3,100 in mid-April, but remained even with last year's employment level. Paper Products also posted a job loss of 200 workers in the month and at 2,700 is down 200 over the year.

Monthly job losses of 100 each were reported in Chemicals (3,100), Rubber (1,700), Plastics (5,600), and Leather Products (3,000). In the yearly comparison, all were down except Plastics, which shows an increase of 300 jobs.

Gains were reported in Textiles and Miscellaneous Manufacturing, up 200 jobs each in April to levels of 12,700 and 5,800, respectively; both showed increases over the year.

In the Durable Goods sector, employment increases in Electrical Machinery -- up 200 to 12,300 and Instruments -- up 100 jobs to 5,500 were sufficient to offset losses of 100 each in Primary Metals (8,500), Fabricated Metals (9,500), and Non-electrical Machinery (9,500).

Showing no over-the-month employment changes were Transportation Equipment at 6,800 workers, Stone, Clay, and Glass at 3,200 and Lumber/Furniture manufacturers at 2,000 jobs. All Durable Goods segments showed over-

the-year increases, except for Fabricated Metals and Stone, Clay and Glass.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production and related workers declined by 2 cents over the month to \$5.47 -- attributable to a reduction in the number of overtime hours worked. Over the year, hourly earnings rose by 48 cents.

Average weekly hours worked fell by .2 hours in April, to 39.2, up .8 hours in the year. Gross average weekly earnings were \$214.42 in mid-April, down \$1.89 in the month and up \$22.80 over the past twelve months.

RHODE ISLAND Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979
Civilian Labor Force	461.7	462.6	445.0
Unemployment	33.3	35.0	29.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.2	7.6	6.7
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.1	6.9	6.6

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R. I. JOBS DECLINE BY 1,600

IN MAY TO 392,300

Job losses in manufacturing industries dominated the State's employment picture for May. These losses completely overshadowed smaller than normal seasonal gains in the nonmanufacturing sector, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate that 392,300 men and women were employed in mid-May. This represents a monthly decrease (the first April-May decline since 1957) of 1,600 jobs, while the over-the-year loss totaled 7,500 jobs.

MANUFACTURING

The number of manufacturing jobs in the State dropped by 2,700 to 127,000 in mid-May. The current total shows a decline of 4,900 jobs over the corresponding period one year ago. Employment in the Durable Goods sector dropped 1,100 to 56,200 in mid-May - a level 200 above that for May 1979. Nondurable Goods firms lost 1,600 jobs over the month, and, at 70,800, is 5,100 jobs below last year's employment levels.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, Textile firms reported a drop of 700 jobs in May to a level of 12,000, down 500 from last year. Jewelry/Silverware firms posted job losses of 500 workers in the month to a level of 25,300 - a decline of 4,000 since May 1979.

NONMANUFACTURING

Plastics (5,300), and Leather Products (2,700) firms each showed declines of 300 jobs in the month. Plastics remained even with last year's figures while Leather jobs were down 600 in the yearly comparison. Paper Products (2,600) showed a one-month loss of 100 jobs and a yearly drop of 300.

Food and Beverages (3,200), Rubber Products (1,800) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (5,900) each reported gains of 100 jobs in the month to remain close to last year's levels. Apparel, Printing, and Chemical Products firms reported no change in employment over the month.

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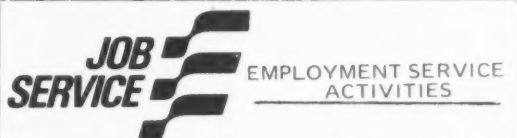
WANTED: JOBS FOR CLASS OF '80

SUBSTANTIAL REWARDS

Department of Employment Security Director Mary C. Hackett urges Rhode Island employers with job openings to consider the 1980 graduates of colleges, business and vocational schools and high schools who are looking for that first job. This is their first opportunity to gain acceptance into the labor market. These young people are eager to join the ranks of wage earners and contributors to the state's economy.

The eleven local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service are ready to process applications for the graduate and to evaluate his or her abilities, skills, aptitudes and interests in matching the job seeker to the employer's needs.

Employers are reminded that they can file job orders with the Job Bank by telephoning 277-3588 or the toll-free Enterprise 2265 number. There is no fee for this service. This will give daily statewide exposure to your job openings.



	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979
Total Placements	1,810	1,926	2,385
New Applications	4,918	4,579	4,287
New Openings Received	2,699	3,086	3,881

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	May 1980	April 1980	% Change from April
Initial Claims	12,389	13,697	- 9.5
No. of Payments	69,964	82,878	- 15.6
Amt. of Payments	\$5,797,674	\$7,326,484	- 20.9
Exhaustions	2,077	2,816	- 26.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	May 1980	April 1980	% Change from April
INITIAL CLAIMS	1,796	2,160	- 16.9
NO. OF PAYMENTS	21,237	24,032	- 11.6
AMT. OF PAYMENTS	\$1,813,117	\$2,110,323	- 14.1

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed December 1979

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	17,876	100.0
Men	9,481	53.0
Under 45	7,040	74.3
45 and over	2,441	25.7
Women	8,395	47.0
Under 45	5,260	62.7
45 and over	3,135	37.3
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	2,442	13.7
Manufacturing	8,063	45.1
Public Utilities	814	4.6
Trade	2,111	11.8
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	663	3.7
Service	2,005	11.2
All Other	1,778	9.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,477	8.3
Clerical and Sales	2,924	16.4
Service	1,010	5.7
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	196	1.1
Processing	829	4.6
Machine Trades	2,261	12.6
Bench Work	2,863	16.0
Structural Work	2,834	15.9
Miscellaneous	2,291	12.8
Not Available	1,191	6.7

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979
Civilian Labor Force	456.9	459.5	446.8
Unemployment	33.4	34.8	29.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	7.6	6.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.3	6.9	6.6

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979
Civilian Labor Force	30,090	29,335	26,885
Unemployment	1,615	1,870	1,690
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	6.4	6.3

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979
Civilian Labor Force	13,650	13,080	12,665
Unemployment	910	865	850
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	6.6	6.7

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	April 1980	May 1979	May 1980	May 1979	May 1980	May 1979	May 1980	May 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	127.0	129.7	131.9	- 2700	- 4900	\$214.73	\$194.16	38.9	38.6	\$5.52	\$5.03
DURABLE GOODS	56.2	57.3	56.0	- 1100	+ 200	244.21	221.20	40.1	39.5	6.09	5.60
PRIMARY METALS	8.2	8.5	8.3	- 300	- 100	251.53	253.40	41.1	44.3	6.12	5.72
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.5	10.1	- 300	- 900	208.24	188.12	38.0	36.6	5.46	5.14
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.4	9.5	9.3	- 100	+ 100	302.18	285.56	42.5	44.0	7.11	6.49
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.3	11.6	- 300	+ 400	198.35	181.92	36.8	36.9	5.39	4.93
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.1	3.2	3.3	- 100	- 200	278.30	229.14	45.4	40.2	6.13	5.70
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.8	6.8	6.1	0	+ 700	283.85	228.53	40.9	36.8	6.94	6.21
INSTRUMENTS	5.4	5.5	5.4	- 100	0	227.55	209.50	41.0	40.6	5.55	5.16
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.1	2.0	1.9	+ 100	+ 200	219.79	183.92	38.9	33.5	5.65	5.49
NONDURABLE GOODS	70.8	72.4	75.9	- 1600	- 5100	191.40	175.94	37.9	38.0	5.05	4.63
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	25.3	25.8	29.3	- 500	- 4000	161.88	152.57	35.5	36.5	4.56	4.18
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.1	3.2	+ 100	0	226.18	199.92	37.2	35.7	6.08	5.60
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	12.0	12.7	12.5	- 700	- 500	204.52	190.29	41.4	41.1	4.94	4.63
APPAREL	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 100	179.08	160.82	39.1	38.2	4.58	4.21
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.7	2.9	- 100	- 300	205.01	194.40	39.5	40.5	5.19	4.80
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 100	285.32	277.26	39.3	40.3	7.26	6.88
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	289.98	265.13	39.4	37.5	7.36	7.07
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 100	+ 100	217.20	201.13	40.0	41.3	5.43	4.87
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.3	5.6	5.3	- 300	0	209.75	190.58	38.7	38.5	5.42	4.95
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.7	3.0	3.3	- 300	- 600	137.80	120.74	35.7	35.2	3.86	3.43
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	5.8	5.7	+ 100	+ 200	176.25	157.75	37.5	36.6	4.70	4.31

1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.

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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND

(Per 100 Employees)

April 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	5.1	2.9	2.9	3.7	5.0	4.6	4.5	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.2
DURABLE GOODS	3.3	4.0	4.0	2.2	3.1	3.3	4.0	3.0	3.4	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.5	0.6	0.5
Primary Metals	4.8	3.5	2.2	1.5	3.1	2.0	5.2	3.1	2.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	3.3	1.4	0.2
Fabricated Metals	2.6	3.7	2.7	2.1	3.3	2.3	3.5	3.7	2.7	1.5	2.2	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.3
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.0	2.6	2.3	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.1	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.3
Electrical Mach.	3.5	4.8	5.5	2.7	3.4	4.3	4.2	3.5	4.2	2.5	2.6	3.2	1.0	0.3	0.3
Instruments-Optical	4.9	5.1	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.5	2.1	5.1	2.0	1.7	2.3	0.7	0.1	2.1
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	2.8	5.6	4.9	1.9	4.1	4.1	5.0	3.3	4.1	1.5	1.8	2.7	2.4	0.6	0.7
NONDUR. GOODS	5.1	4.5	5.8	3.4	2.7	4.0	5.9	5.9	5.3	2.7	2.1	2.9	2.4	2.9	1.7
Food-Beverage	6.8	3.3	5.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	7.6	3.2	9.1	2.1	1.4	3.4	4.0	1.5	4.6
Textiles	4.0	5.7	4.8	3.1	4.5	3.6	5.9	4.6	4.3	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.6	0.7	0.8
Apparel	4.5	5.5	6.1	2.8	2.4	2.5	5.2	4.3	5.5	2.1	1.6	2.5	2.2	1.6	2.5
Paper & Allied Prod.	10.1	3.9	7.7	3.1	2.7	3.4	19.3	4.1	6.8	3.3	2.3	4.1	15.2	0.9	2.3
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	3.5	4.2	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.0	5.0	4.5	3.3	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.6	1.1	0.3
Jewelry & Silverware	5.4	4.5	6.6	3.7	1.9	5.1	5.1	7.3	5.7	2.5	2.1	3.4	1.9	4.8	1.5
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	5.7	3.6	6.1	4.8	2.5	3.7	4.7	6.2	5.5	3.2	2.0	2.4	0.9	3.2	2.1

RATES FOR APRIL 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR MARCH 1980 AND APRIL 1979 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	April 1980	May 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	392.3	393.9	399.8	- 1600	- 7500
MANUFACTURING	127.0	129.7	131.9	- 2700	- 4900
NONMANUFACTURING	265.3	264.2	267.9	+ 1100	- 2600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.4	11.9	13.1 †	+ 500	- 700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.8 †	12.9 †	13.3	- 100	- 500
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.0	78.1	80.7	- 100	- 2700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.3	20.3	20.7	0	- 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	81.1	80.4	79.6	+ 700	+ 1500
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.7	60.6	60.5	+ 100	+ 200

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† LABOR DISPUTE

* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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In the Durable Goods sector, Lumber/Furniture firms added 100 workers to reach 2,100, up 200 jobs over the year. Transportation Equipment remained even at 6,800 jobs - up 700 in the yearly comparison. Primary Metals (8,200), Fabricated Metals (9,200), and Electrical Machinery (12,000) each reported job losses of 300 in the month.

Nonelectrical Machinery (9,400), Stone, Clay, and Glass (3,100), and Instruments (5,400) showed April-May declines of 100 workers each.

May job gains were concentrated in the Services and Construction industries as the number of nonmanufacturing jobs in the State grew by 1,100 in the month to 265,300 but showed a decline of 2,600 jobs since May 1979.

A normal seasonal gain of 700 jobs occurred during the month in the Services sector, as industries such as Hotels/Motels and Amusement/Recreation continued their pre-summer buildup. Overall, employment in the Service Industries reached 81,100 in May up 1,500 jobs in the yearly comparison. The annual increase, however, was mostly due to growth in non-seasonal industries such as Personal and Business Services, Computer and Data Processing Services, and Hospital/Health Care Facilities.

Construction again showed a smaller than normal, seasonal growth of 500 jobs in May, to a level of 12,400 - down 700 jobs over the year. It should be noted that the yearly comparison is affected by a May 1979 labor dispute involving 1,200 jobs.

Government payrolls increased by 100 jobs in the month to 60,700. The Federal jobs level remained slightly higher than normal due to the continued temporary employment of decennial census workers. State employment increased by 200 jobs, offsetting small employment reductions in municipal government.

The Trade sector declined by 100 jobs in May to a level of 78,000, a total of 2,700 less than reported one year ago. Normally a steady employment sector, where most of the growth at this time of year is centered in eating and drinking establishments, the May 1980 pattern showed small declines in a majority of the Wholesale and Retail segments, coupled with a smaller than usual April-May growth in eating and drinking establishments.

Transportation and Public Utilities employment was down slightly (-100) in May to 12,800 with a continuing labor dispute. The yearly comparison shows a loss of 500 jobs. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms remained even over the month at 20,300, down however, 400 jobs from one year ago, mostly in the Real Estate segment.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing workers rose by 5 cents over the month to \$5.52 - a gain of 49 cents over the year.

Average weekly hours fell by .3 hours to 38.9 in mid-May - up .3 hours over the comparable period one year ago. Gross average weekly earnings were \$214.73 in May, up 31 cents in the month and \$20.57 over the past twelve months.

RHODE ISLAND Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979
Civilian Labor Force	455.5	461.7	448.3
Unemployment	29.4	33.3	26.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.5	7.2	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.8	7.1	6.3

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EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway . . . 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue . . . 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.
Professional, Clerical & Sales . . . 277-3579
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3559
Hotel, Hospital, Household &
Restaurant 277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. . . . 231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. No. 523 277-3521
294-4505
WAKEFIELD, Washington Cnt. Gov't Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARREN, 851 Main Street 245-9300
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

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**R. I. JOBS TOTAL 395,000 IN
JUNE UP 2,700 IN A MONTH**

Job gains in both Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing industries rose seasonally in June and recouped the job losses recorded in May, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that 395,000 men and women were employed in mid-June. This represents a monthly increase of 2,700 jobs, but placed the current employment level at 9,500 jobs below the comparable period one year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Jobs filled in the Nonmanufacturing sectors climbed by 2,000 in June to a level of 267,300, down, however, 2,900 jobs from one year ago.

The Services sector continued in its steady growth pattern, adding 600 jobs in June and, at 81,700, stands 1,700 jobs above the figure reported one year ago. Most of the increases reported for the month were in the seasonally oriented industries and were sufficient to offset completely the normal seasonal decline in private educational institutions.

The Trade sector also showed a growth of 600 jobs in the month, rising to a level of 78,600 in mid-June down, however, 3,300 from that reported one year ago. Wholesale Trade of Nondurable Goods and Eating and Drinking Establishments showed the largest monthly gains, overshadowing minor losses reported in Apparel and department stores, auto dealers, and durable goods wholesalers.

Construction employment, with all segments showing increases, climbed by 500 jobs in the month to a level of 12,900. In Transportation and Public

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**RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE
MEANS DOLLARS AND SENSE
TO EMPLOYERS**

If you are a Rhode Island employer who plans to add a second or third shift, relocate to a larger plant or, perhaps, add a second or third location, you'll need additional workers. The Rhode Island Job Service can help you meet these needs.

Through its statewide network of local offices, the Job Service is prepared to answer your call for workers. The Job Service staff of trained professional interviewers are able to offer a complete range of employment services to both employers and job-seekers - special worker recruitment, screening, counseling, job referral and placement. In addition, the Job Service's mobile office van offers employers all these services on location for mass recruitment and screening. There is no fee charged to either employer or job seeker for any of these employment services.

The process is a simple one - it begins with a phone call to the Job Bank at 277-3588 (toll-free Enterprise 2265) where an employer lists all his or her job openings. We do the rest. The openings are given statewide exposure in our twelve Job Service offices. A listing of offices will be found on the last page of this Bulletin.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending June 30, 1980, must be filed by July 31, 1980, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES		
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Total Placements	1,912	1,810	3,314
New Applications	5,519	4,918	5,377
New Openings Received	3,056	2,699	3,961

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	June 1980	May 1980	% Change from May
Initial Claims	21,149	12,389	+ 70.7
No. of Payments	68,713	69,964	- 1.8
Amt. of Payments	\$5,681,647	\$5,797,674	- 2.0
Exhaustions	1,982	2,077	- 4.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	June 1980	May 1980	% Change from May
Initial Claims	1,704	1,796	- 5.1
No. of Payments	18,094	21,237	- 14.8
Amt. of Payments	\$1,573,649	\$1,813,117	- 13.2

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed June 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	18,064	100.0
Men	9,537	52.8
Under 45	7,123	74.7
45 and over	2,414	25.3
Women	8,527	47.2
Under 45	5,061	59.4
45 and over	3,466	40.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,916	10.6
Manufacturing	8,279	45.8
Public Utilities	673	3.7
Trade	2,077	11.5
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	541	3.0
Service	2,048	11.3
All Other	2,530	14.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,682	9.3
Clerical and Sales	2,823	15.6
Service	1,214	6.7
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	146	0.8
Processing	995	5.5
Machine Trades	2,223	12.3
Bench Work	3,482	19.3
Structural Work	2,443	13.5
Miscellaneous	2,180	12.1
Not Available	876	4.8

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Civilian Labor Force	450.3	456.9	448.2
Unemployment	30.0	33.4	26.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	7.6	6.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.3	6.9	6.6

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979
Civilian Labor Force	30,480	30,090	27,835
Unemployment	1,360	1,615	1,455
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	5.4	5.2

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979
Civilian Labor Force	13,635	13,650	12,945
Unemployment	705	910	670
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	6.7	5.2

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PRIMARY METALS	8.1	8.2	8.4	- 100	- 300	253.78	257.84	40.8	44.0	6.22	5.86
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.2	10.3	0	- 1100	207.90	191.49	37.8	37.4	5.50	5.12
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.5	9.4	9.5	+ 100	0	300.72	290.17	42.0	44.3	7.16	6.55
ELEC. MACHINERY	11.5	12.0	11.7	- 500	- 200	203.63	185.63	37.5	37.2	5.43	4.99
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PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.6	3.0	+ 200	- 200	212.93	206.00	40.1	42.3	5.31	4.87
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 100	273.18	264.21	38.1	39.2	7.17	6.74
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.1	3.2	- 100	- 200	297.98	264.26	38.8	39.5	7.68	6.69
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0	217.06	194.73	39.9	40.4	5.44	4.82
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.5	5.3	5.4	+ 200	+ 100	207.74	197.31	38.4	39.7	5.41	4.97
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	3.5	0	- 800	143.19	118.33	37.0	34.6	3.87	3.42
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	5.9	6.0	0	- 100	179.45	165.56	38.1	37.8	4.71	4.38

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	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.3	6.2	2.3	2.9	5.0	5.9	5.0	5.1	1.9	2.2	3.2	3.1	2.0	1.0
DURABLE GOODS	2.7	3.3	4.6	1.9	2.2	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	1.5	1.6	2.6	1.7	1.5	0.5
Primary Metals	2.5	4.8	2.1	0.8	1.5	1.9	4.6	5.2	2.3	0.9	1.0	1.2	2.9	3.3	0.4
Fabricated Metals	1.9	2.6	5.2	1.3	2.1	4.4	3.6	3.5	4.6	1.7	1.5	3.1	0.7	0.9	0.3
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.5	2.0	2.9	1.7	1.3	2.2	1.5	1.6	2.0	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.1
Electrical Mach.	3.1	3.5	6.8	2.2	2.7	6.0	5.9	4.2	5.7	2.2	2.5	4.6	2.8	1.0	0.3
Instruments-Optical	2.8	4.9	4.8	2.6	4.5	3.7	2.8	3.5	4.7	1.7	2.0	2.6	0.3	0.7	1.4
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	4.4	2.8	4.9	3.4	1.9	4.2	6.0	5.0	4.2	2.3	1.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	1.0
NONDUR. GOODS	5.5	5.1	7.3	2.6	3.4	5.8	7.2	5.9	6.0	2.2	2.7	3.6	4.3	2.4	1.3
Food-Beverage	5.9	6.8	11.5	2.8	2.1	5.6	9.3	7.6	4.7	1.8	2.1	2.9	6.5	4.0	0.4
Textiles	3.4	4.0	4.7	2.1	3.1	3.7	7.4	5.9	5.0	1.9	2.2	2.7	4.6	2.6	1.0
Apparel	8.7	4.5	7.0	3.4	2.8	4.0	7.8	5.2	5.6	1.7	2.1	2.9	5.5	2.2	1.9
Paper & Allied Prod.	14.6	10.1	8.7	1.5	3.1	7.5	13.5	19.3	6.2	2.4	3.3	4.5	10.3	15.2	0.6
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	5.4	3.5	6.0	2.9	2.3	4.6	4.3	5.0	5.2	2.4	2.3	3.5	0.8	1.6	0.1
Jewelry & Silverware	4.2	5.4	7.5	2.6	3.7	5.8	5.0	5.1	6.9	2.3	2.5	3.8	2.3	1.9	2.1
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	5.8	5.7	9.1	3.3	4.8	8.4	8.4	4.7	5.9	2.4	3.2	4.4	5.1	0.9	0.7

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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	May 1980	June 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	395.0	392.3	404.5	+ 2700	— 9500
MANUFACTURING	127.7	127.0	134.3	+ 700	— 6600
NONMANUFACTURING	267.3	265.3	270.2	+ 2000	— 2900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.9	12.4	13.5 †	+ 500	— 600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	12.8 †	13.7	+ 500	— 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.6	78.0	81.9	+ 600	— 3300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.3	20.3	21.1	0	— 800
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	81.7	81.1	80.0	+ 600	+ 1700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.5	60.7	60.0	— 200	+ 500

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HOURS AND EARNINGS

Utilities, the end of a labor dispute and normal seasonal growth accounted for a rise of 500 workers to 13,300 in mid-June.

Average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing workers rose by 3 cents in the month to \$5.55, and by 50 cents in the year.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms remained even over the month at 20,300 while Government payrolls declined seasonally by 200 jobs to 60,500.

Average weekly hours rose by .4 hours to 39.3 in mid-June — up .1 hours over the one-year period. Gross average weekly earnings were \$218.12 in June — up \$3.39 in the month and \$20.16 over the past 12 months.

MANUFACTURING

The June survey shows that manufacturing employment made a partial recovery from the May downturn, adding 700 jobs to reach a total of 127,700 workers, still down substantially from last year at this time.

Nondurable Goods firms added 900 workers in the month to a level of 71,700 in mid-June. Increases in the Jewelry/Silverware industry led the way with an addition of 400 jobs to a total of 25,700. Over the year, however, this industry shows a loss of 4,000 positions.

Food/Beverages, Paper Products, and Plastics firms each added 200 jobs in the month to reach levels of 3,400, 2,800 and 5,500, respectively. Apparel manufacturers added 100 workers and stood at 3,800 in June.

Textiles and Chemical firms each showed losses of 100 workers in the month, while Printing/Publishing, Rubber, Leather and Miscellaneous Manufacturing establishments remained even with May's data.

Durable Goods firms lost 200 workers and dipped to a total of 56,000 jobs in mid-June. Establishments in Electrical Machinery posted the largest losses down 500 jobs to a level of 11,500. Primary metals lost 100 workers to 8,100 for the month.

Transportation Equipment manufacturers continued their upward climb, increasing their work forces by 200 jobs to reach 7,000. Gains of 200 jobs each were reported in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments, while Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals and Stone-Clay-Glass stayed even with last month.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Civilian Labor Force	461.5	455.5	459.3
Unemployment	33.9	29.4	32.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	6.5	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.4	6.8	7.1

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R. I. JOBS DECLINE IN JULY TO 386,500

Job losses in Manufacturing industries, due mostly to vacation-related seasonal plant closings and some layoffs, dominated the State's employment picture in July, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that 386,500 workers were employed in Rhode Island in mid-July. This represents a monthly decline of 8,500 jobs and places the current level at 10,600 below one year ago.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting losses due principally to industry plant closings for vacation schedules and layoffs during the reporting period, Manufacturing employment dropped by 8,800 jobs to 118,900 in mid-July. The yearly analysis indicates a loss of 7,400 workers.

Durable Goods firms showed losses of 3,100 workers over the month to a level of 52,900. Over the year, the jobs decline amounted to 1,600 workers. Electrical machinery firms lost 1,100 jobs, dropping to 10,400. Fabricated metals declined by 800 jobs and Primary metals showed a drop of 700, to levels of 8,400 and 7,400 workers, respectively. Instruments firms showed a minus 500 jobs in the month to 5,000. In Nondurable Goods, a loss of

DES DIRECTOR'S ADVICE TO WORKING STUDENTS:

GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

The 1980-81 academic year is rapidly approaching as the Summer of '80 runs its course and DES Director Mary C. Hackett extends her appreciation to the many Rhode Island employers who hired students for summer jobs. At this time of year, Miss Hackett has an additional request — please make every effort to encourage these students to return to school or college next month to complete their education prior to seeking a permanent place in the Rhode Island workforce.

As a stepping stone to job success and future advancement, it is in a young person's best interest to acquire as much education as possible. Studies have determined that completing an education can nearly double one's earning power and that graduates can earn at least \$100,000 more than the school dropouts during their lifetime.

Some employers may be able to keep the student on the payroll part-time after school. If this isn't possible, it is hoped that employers would refer those students who must find other work to the nearest office of the R. I. Job Service. Skilled interviewers are prepared to try and find suitable part-time employment for them. A list of Job Service offices is on the last page of this Bulletin.

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 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES			
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Total Placements	2,379	1,912	2,920
New Applications	4,597	5,519	5,619
New Openings Received	3,449	3,056	4,427

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1980	June 1980	% Change from June
Initial Claims	20,580	21,149	- 2.7
No. of Payments	96,602	68,713	+ 40.6
Amt. of Payments \$	7,941,405	\$5,681,647	+ 39.8
Exhaustions	2,105	1,982	+ 6.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	July 1980	June 1980	% Change from June
Initial Claims	474	1,704	- 72.2
No. of Payments	8,930	18,094	- 50.6
Amt. of Payments	\$668,545	\$1,573,649	- 57.5

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed July 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	18,064	100.0
Men	9,537	52.8
Under 45	7,123	74.7
45 and over	2,414	25.3
Women	8,527	47.2
Under 45	5,061	59.4
45 and over	3,466	40.6

Industry Attachment

Contract Construction	1,916	10.6
Manufacturing	8,279	45.8
Public Utilities	673	3.7
Trade	2,077	11.5
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	541	3.0
Service	2,048	11.3
All Other	2,530	14.0

Occupational Skills

Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,682	9.3
Clerical and Sales	2,823	15.6
Service	1,214	6.7
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	146	0.8
Processing	995	5.5
Machine Trades	2,222	12.3
Bench Work	3,482	19.3
Structural Work	2,443	13.5
Miscellaneous	2,180	12.1
Not Available	876	4.8

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Civilian Labor Force	455.0	450.3	459.0
Unemployment	34.5	30.0	31.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	6.7	6.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.6	7.1	6.9

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Civilian Labor Force	31,720	30,480	28,820
Unemployment	1,750	1,360	1,880
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	4.5	6.5

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Civilian Labor Force	14,350	13,635	13,630
Unemployment	980	705	940
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	5.2	6.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1981. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
 Central Falls
 Charlestown
 East Providence
 Johnston
 Narragansett
 New Shoreham
 North Providence
 Providence
 Warren
 West Warwick
 Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	July 1979	July 1980	July 1979	July 1980	July 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.9	127.7	126.3	- 8,800	- 7,400	\$218.96	\$199.17	39.1	38.9	\$5.60	\$5.12
DURABLE GOODS	52.9	56.0	54.5	- 3,100	- 1,600	247.38	223.83	39.9	39.2	6.20	5.71
PRIMARY METALS	7.4	8.1	7.8	- 700	- 400	260.37	251.81	42.2	44.1	6.17	5.71
FABRICATED METALS	8.4	9.2	10.0	- 800	- 1,600	207.58	190.17	37.2	36.5	5.58	5.21
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.4	9.5	9.4	- 100	0	295.80	291.54	40.8	43.0	7.25	6.78
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.4	11.5	11.2	- 1,100	- 800	209.59	183.50	37.9	36.7	5.53	5.00
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 200	277.03	237.87	44.9	42.1	6.17	5.65
TRANSPORTATION EQU	7.0	7.0	6.0	0	+ 1,000	270.47	220.27	39.6	35.7	6.83	6.17
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	5.5	4.8	- 500	+ 200	230.28	217.06	40.4	39.9	5.70	5.44
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.2	2.1	2.0	+ 100	+ 200	224.44	216.90	38.3	36.7	5.86	5.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	66.0	71.7	71.8	- 5,700	- 5,800	196.74	181.89	38.5	38.7	5.11	4.70
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.1	25.7	26.8	- 3,600	- 4,700	173.25	160.45	37.5	37.4	4.62	4.29
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 100	+ 200	235.49	231.04	37.8	38.0	6.23	6.08
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	11.1	11.9	12.3	- 800	- 1,200	204.85	190.65	41.3	41.0	4.96	4.65
APPAREL	3.7	3.8	3.5	- 100	+ 200	179.44	167.84	39.7	39.4	4.52	4.26
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.8	2.7	- 300	- 200	194.93	197.85	36.3	39.1	5.37	5.06
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0	275.46	271.83	38.1	39.8	7.23	6.83
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 100	202.98	270.95	38.0	40.2	7.71	6.74
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 100	- 100	222.36	196.18	40.8	41.3	5.45	4.75
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.1	5.5	5.4	- 400	- 300	203.84	198.00	38.1	40.0	5.35	4.95
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 400	150.29	118.94	37.2	35.4	4.04	3.36
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.9	4.8	- 300	+ 800	175.39	159.75	37.8	37.5	4.64	4.26

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LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND (Per 100 Employees) June 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.2	5.8	2.7	2.3	4.8	4.3	5.9	5.5	1.5	1.9	3.2	1.8	3.1	1.3
DURABLE GOODS	4.0	2.7	4.4	2.7	1.9	3.6	3.9	4.2	3.9	1.4	1.5	2.3	1.6	1.7	0.7
Primary Metals	1.5	2.5	2.0	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.7	4.6	2.0	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	2.9	5.3
Fabricated Metals	2.3	2.9	4.1	1.8	1.3	3.6	2.7	3.6	4.2	1.0	1.7	2.4	0.5	0.7	0.3
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.1	2.5	3.3	1.5	1.7	2.8	2.1	1.5	3.0	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1
Electrical Mach.	3.4	3.1	5.4	1.9	2.2	4.6	7.4	5.9	4.5	1.6	2.2	3.0	4.9	2.8	0.5
Instruments-Optical	3.0	2.8	5.4	2.5	2.6	3.6	3.1	2.8	3.4	1.6	1.7	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.6
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	7.9	4.4	4.8	6.2	3.4	4.1	4.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	2.3	3.3	0.9	2.7	0.8
NONDUR. GOODS	4.9	5.5	6.8	2.7	2.6	5.6	4.6	7.2	6.6	1.6	2.2	3.8	2.1	4.3	1.8
Food-Beverage	7.7	5.9	8.1	2.9	2.8	5.1	4.2	9.3	4.8	1.8	1.8	2.8	1.3	6.5	0.4
Textiles	3.5	3.4	4.6	1.6	2.1	3.5	6.1	7.4	5.1	1.6	1.9	2.7	3.5	4.6	1.3
Apparel	3.5	8.7	5.2	1.5	3.4	3.5	11.3	7.8	3.5	1.0	1.7	2.0	9.9	5.5	0.7
Paper & Allied Prod.	5.7	14.6	5.3	2.6	1.5	4.7	3.6	13.5	5.7	1.9	2.4	3.9	1.2	10.3	0.8
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	3.4	5.4	3.7	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.9	4.3	7.2	1.7	2.4	3.1	0.4	0.8	2.8
Jewelry & Silverware	4.9	4.2	7.4	3.0	2.6	6.1	4.0	5.0	8.1	1.4	2.3	4.2	1.8	2.3	3.0
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	5.9	5.8	9.1	3.7	3.3	8.2	3.6	8.4	6.2	2.0	2.4	4.8	0.8	5.1	0.4

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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	June 1980	July 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	386.5	395.0	397.1	- 8,500	- 10,600
MANUFACTURING	118.9	127.7	126.3	- 8,800	- 7,400
NONMANUFACTURING	267.6	267.3	270.8	+ 300	- 3,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.2	12.9	15.5	+ 300	- 2,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.9	13.3	13.5	- 400	- 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.1	78.6	81.4	- 500	- 3,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.4	20.3	21.0	+ 100	- 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	81.9	81.7	80.8	+ 200	+ 1,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	61.1 †	60.5	58.6	+ 600	+ 2,500

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5,700 jobs was reported, bringing the mid-July employment in this sector to 66,000, down 5,800 from one year ago. Jewelry/Silverware firms declined by 3,600 workers in July to a level of 22,100, off 4,700 from one year ago. Textile products establishments lost 800 workers over the month as employment levels in this industry declined to 11,100.

NONMANUFACTURING

As of mid-July there were 267,600 men and women employed in Nonmanufacturing industries in Rhode Island. This estimate shows a gain of 300 workers in the month, but the current level is 3,200 less than last year.

Federal agencies (including Postal Service) added 300 workers to their rolls in the month. A labor dispute in State Government held the expected seasonal employment increases to 300 jobs, while seasonal declines in local education offset summer help gains reported by municipal governments.

Construction firms added 300 tradespeople in July to reach 13,200, a level well below last year's figures of 15,500. Establishments in the Services sector showed smaller than normal seasonal growth (+200) but still enough to offset summer losses in Private Educational facilities.

Wholesale and Retail Trade firms reduced their workforces seasonally by 500 jobs and the Transportation and Public Utilities sector lost 400 workers over the month, as declines were seen in the number of school bus drivers and motor freight workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's production and related workers in manufacturing industries

rose by 5 cents an hour over the month to \$5.60 in July -- up 48 cents over July 1979.

Average weekly hours for these workers dropped by .2 hours in the month to 39.1 hours in mid-July, up a similar amount over last year. Gross average weekly earnings were \$218.96 in July, up 84 cents in the month and \$19.79 over the past twelve months.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Civilian Labor Force	457.1	461.5	456.2
Unemployment	35.5	33.9	36.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	7.3	8.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.5	7.3	7.2

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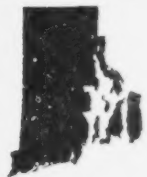
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R. I. JOBS TOTAL 391,900 IN AUGUST

Employees returning to work from unpaid vacations, coupled with some post-vacation hiring increased the State's employment rolls in August, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate that 391,900 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-August. This represents a monthly increase of 5,400 jobs.

NONMANUFACTURING

The number of men and women gainfully employed in this State's nonmanufacturing industries fell to 267,000 in mid-August. This total indicates a monthly loss of 600 jobs, and, over the twelve-month period, a decline of 4,300 workers.

Government payrolls declined by 500 workers in August, to a level of 60,600, due mainly to the early release of part-time summer help in some municipal governments, and declines in Federal payrolls due to wrap-up of much of the Federal Census work.

Employment in the Services sector declined by 300 workers to 81,600 in mid-August. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms held steady in the monthly comparison at 20,400.

Transportation and Public Utilities establishments gained 300 jobs over the month to 13,200, due to increases reported in the motor freight and warehousing segments.

Construction payrolls remained fairly steady in August, dropping 100 jobs overall to 13,100. Retail Trade establishments remained even in the monthly comparison at 78,100.

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36th OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK OCTOBER 5 - 11

The week of October 5 - 11, 1980 will mark the thirty-sixth observance of National Employ the Handicapped Week to draw the nation's attention to the millions of handicapped workers in the labor force. The week also marks the 26th anniversary of the amendment to the Wagner-Peyser Act which formally established the program of services to handicapped individuals in the public employment service.

Announcing the 36th NETH anniversary, Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, lauded the record of the many Rhode Island employers who extend equal consideration to qualified handicapped job seekers while recruiting new employees.

During a recent twelve month period, 2,650 handicapped persons sought employment through the Department's network of local offices: of this number, 829 were placed in jobs.

Miss Hackett noted that for the past thirty-six years the Job Service has accentuated the positive - that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers desiring to hire qualified handicapped workers are strongly encouraged to list their job openings with the Agency's Job Bank at 277-3588 or the toll free 2265. A listing of all Job Service offices appears on the last page of this Bulletin.

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	August 1980	July 1980	August 1979
Total Placements	2,925	2,379	3,201
New Applications	6,493	4,597	5,776
New Openings Received	4,870	3,449	5,404

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	August 1980	July 1980	% Change from July
Initial Claims	11,222	20,580	- 45.5
No. of Payments	91,700	96,602	- 5.1
Amt. of Payments	\$7,380,907	\$7,941,405	- 7.1
Exhaustions	1,853	2,150	- 13.8

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	August 1980	July 1980	% Change from July
Initial Claims	1,835	474	+ 287.1
No. of Payments	114	8,930	- 98.7
Amt. of Payments	\$8,233	\$668,545	- 98.8

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Aug. 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	23,622	100.0
Men	9,675	41.0
Under 45	7,244	74.9
45 and over	2,431	25.1
Women	13,947	59.0
Under 45	8,103	58.1
45 and over	5,844	41.9
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,732	7.3
Manufacturing	8,136	34.4
Public Utilities	1,312	5.6
Trade	3,692	15.6
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	524	2.2
Service	4,357	18.4
All Other	3,869	16.4
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	3,045	12.9
Clerical and Sales	4,042	17.1
Service	2,887	12.2
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	192	0.8
Processing	1,277	5.4
Machine Trades	2,257	9.6
Bench Work	3,447	14.6
Structural Work	2,030	8.6
Miscellaneous	2,589	11.0
Not Available	1,856	7.9

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Civilian Labor Force	448.7	455.0	454.1
Unemployment	35.9	34.5	36.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.0	7.6	8.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.4	7.6	7.4

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Civilian Labor Force	32,110	31,720	29,485
Unemployment	1,620	1,750	1,840
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	5.5	6.2

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Civilian Labor Force	15,105	14,350	14,245
Unemployment	1,010	980	880
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	6.8	6.2

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1981. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

EMPLOYMENT

PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES

INDUSTRY GROUP	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	124.9	118.9	133.8	+ 6000	- 8900	\$214.66	\$195.71	38.4	38.3	\$5.59	\$5.11
DURABLE GOODS	54.1	52.9	56.4	+ 1200	- 2300	240.86	221.34	39.1	38.9	6.16	5.69
PRIMARY METALS	7.8	7.4	8.3	+ 400	- 500	253.34	255.50	40.6	43.9	6.24	5.82
FABRICATED METALS	9.1	8.4	10.2	+ 700	- 1100	209.34	188.31	38.2	35.8	5.48	5.26
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.4	9.4	9.3	0	+ 100	284.31	274.95	40.1	42.3	7.09	6.50
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.4	10.4	11.8	0	- 1400	201.66	183.03	36.4	36.1	5.54	5.07
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 200	268.84	244.67	44.0	42.7	6.11	5.73
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	7.1	7.0	6.3	+ 100	+ 800	270.38	227.60	39.3	36.3	6.88	6.27
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	5.0	5.3	0	- 300	212.42	208.15	38.0	39.8	5.59	5.23
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 300	219.79	190.05	37.7	33.4	5.83	5.69
NONDURABLE GOODS	70.8	66.0	77.4	+ 4800	- 6600	194.67	178.04	37.8	37.8	5.15	4.71
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	25.2	22.1	30.1	+ 3100	- 4900	169.26	152.58	36.4	35.9	4.65	4.25
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.3	3.3	+ 200	+ 200	222.50	212.65	35.6	36.6	6.25	5.81
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	11.8	11.1	12.4	+ 700	- 600	199.50	186.91	39.9	39.6	5.00	4.72
APPAREL	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 100	189.47	181.90	41.1	42.6	4.61	4.27
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.5	3.0	+ 300	- 200	210.45	208.66	38.9	41.4	5.41	5.04
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0	292.43	271.06	39.2	40.7	7.46	6.66
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 200	287.72	269.47	36.1	40.1	7.97	6.72
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.7	1.7	- 400	- 400	199.28	188.33	34.9	38.2	5.71	4.93
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.5	5.1	5.4	+ 400	+ 100	217.70	196.35	38.6	38.2	5.64	5.14
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.7	3.5	+ 200	- 600	148.16	127.07	37.7	36.1	3.93	3.52
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	5.6	6.0	+ 300	- 100	173.45	165.02	37.3	37.0	4.65	4.46

1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND

(Per 100 Employees)

July 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
MANUFACTURING	9.1	4.3	8.7	2.3	2.6	3.5	9.1	4.2	9.4	1.6	1.5	3.0	6.4	1.8	5.5
DURABLE GOODS	5.8	3.7	7.5	1.7	2.6	3.1	6.3	3.9	7.6	1.2	1.5	2.2	4.3	1.5	4.6
Primary Metals	4.1	1.7	5.9	1.4	1.0	1.7	4.4	2.2	7.8	1.4	0.9	1.2	2.7	0.7	5.9
Fabricated Metals	8.2	2.3	12.3	1.3	1.8	3.3	9.5	2.7	11.4	1.4	1.0	1.7	6.8	0.5	9.0
Non-Elec. Mach.	1.0	2.1	2.8	0.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.1	2.9	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.7	1.1
Electrical Mach.	3.1	3.4	9.1	0.9	1.9	4.2	9.5	7.4	8.9	1.3	1.6	3.3	7.8	4.9	4.9
Instruments-Optical	3.5	3.0	10.0	1.1	2.5	2.5	7.7	3.1	10.0	1.2	1.6	2.2	5.7	0.5	7.1
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	6.7	7.2	4.5	3.7	5.6	3.5	5.0	4.6	4.5	1.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	0.8	1.3
NONDUR. GOODS	11.8	4.3	9.6	2.8	2.6	3.8	11.4	4.2	10.7	1.9	1.5	3.6	8.2	0.4	6.1
Food-Beverage	11.3	7.7	8.2	1.4	2.9	3.4	5.5	4.2	7.6	1.7	1.8	5.4	2.5	1.3	1.8
Textiles	21.8	3.5	14.7	3.2	1.6	3.4	20.9	6.1	15.2	1.8	1.6	2.4	16.3	3.5	11.8
Apparel	14.6	3.5	16.8	1.7	1.5	2.8	6.6	11.3	18.7	0.9	1.0	2.4	4.3	9.9	14.9
Paper & Allied Prod.	12.9	5.7	5.5	1.5	2.6	3.4	13.4	3.6	5.9	0.5	1.9	2.9	11.5	1.2	1.7
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	10.0	3.4	5.0	2.1	2.0	3.3	14.3	2.9	4.0	2.2	1.7	1.9	11.1	0.4	1.0
Jewelry & Silverware	10.1	4.8	8.3	3.3	2.9	4.2	10.0	3.8	10.2	1.7	1.3	3.7	7.6	1.7	5.8
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	6.9	5.9	9.0	3.2	3.7	5.7	6.2	3.6	9.8	2.5	2.0	4.9	3.1	0.8	3.8

RATES FOR JULY 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JUNE 1980 AND JULY 1979 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment * in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	July 1980	Aug. 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	391.9	386.5	405.1	+ 5,400	- 13,200
MANUFACTURING	124.9	118.9	133.8	+ 6,000	- 8,900
NONMANUFACTURING	267.0	267.6	271.3	- 600	- 4,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.1	13.2	15.3	- 100	- 2,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	12.9	13.6	+ 300	- 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.1	78.1	81.7	0	- 3,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.4	20.4	21.1	0	- 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	81.6	81.9	81.2	- 300	+ 400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.6	61.1 †	58.4	- 500	+ 2,200

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† Labor Dispute

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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In the yearly comparisons, four of the six nonmanufacturing sectors showed declines. Industries showing the greatest losses were Construction (-2,200) and Trade (-3,600). All of the construction declines were in the residential and commercial building sector of the construction industry. The greatest portion of the losses in Trade are to be found in wholesale auto sales, furniture, lumber and construction materials while retail sales showed their greatest losses in automotive dealers and gasoline stations (-1,400), building material, and mobile home dealers (-500), and eating and drinking places (-400). Services were up by 400 jobs, and Government employment rose by 2,200 positions, mostly in part-time summer employment in State and municipal offices financed by the Federal Government.

MANUFACTURING

Following seasonal patterns, an additional 6,000 workers were reported on manufacturing payrolls after the traditional July vacation period. The mid-August estimate of 124,900 manufacturing jobs is, however, 8,900 less than last year, and the 6,000 gain did not fully recoup the reported July losses.

In Durable Goods industries, August employment rose by 1,200 jobs to 54,100. Most industry segments showed little or no monthly movement; the gains were concentrated in Primary Metals (up 400 jobs) and Fabricated Metals (up 700 jobs). Transportation Equipment showed a small (+100) increase over the month and the other five segments were unchanged.

Nondurable Goods producing industries led the August resurgence, posting overall gains of 4,800 jobs to 70,800 workers. A seasonal (post-vacation) rise of 3,100 workers boosted Jewelry/Silverware employment to 25,200 in August, still down 4,900 over twelve months.

Textiles products firms showed gains of 700 jobs in August to a level of 11,800. A gain of 400 jobs was reported in the Plastics industry, offset, however, by a similar decline in jobs in Rubber products firms. Miscellaneous manufacturing firms gained 300 jobs in August to 5,900, about even with last year's data.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average manufacturing workweek declined .7 of an hour in August to 38.4 hours. Average hourly earnings for factory production workers in Rhode Island remained relatively stable at \$5.59, producing a gross weekly earnings figure of \$214.66 in August, down \$4.30 from the July data.

Over the year, average hours rose by .1 of an hour, average hourly earnings rose by 48 cents, and gross weekly earnings were up by \$18.95.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	August 1980	July 1980	August 1979
Civilian Labor Force	459.9	457.1	457.9
Unemployment	33.6	35.5	31.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	7.8	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.2	7.0	6.8

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.
Professional, Clerical & Sales 277-3579
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3559
Hotel, Hospital, Household &
Restaurant 277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. No. 523 277-3521
294-4505
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center
Tower Hill Road. 789-9721
WARREN, 57 Everett Street. 245-9300
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R. I. JOBS INCREASE TO 394,900 IN SEPTEMBER

The monthly job total rose seasonally in September and was reinforced primarily by some returns from some vacation layoffs in manufacturing and the return of school employees, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates, prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 394,900 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-September. This represents a monthly increase of 3,000 jobs, but is 12,000 lower than September 1979.

NONMANUFACTURING

The number of men and women gainfully employed in this State's nonmanufacturing industries rose by 1,100 jobs in September to 268,100, the highest monthly level of the year.

The largest monthly gain was in the Trades sector where 1,700 jobs were added to reach a yearly high of 79,800. Both Durable and Nondurable wholesale trade segments as well as nearly all Retail segments showed monthly increases in September.

Employment in the Services industries increased by 1,000 jobs in September to 82,600, the highest total ever in this steadily growing sector. The return of 2,200 workers in Private Educational Institutions (a normal seasonal pattern) was the largest September addition in this sector, more than enough to offset seasonal losses in Amusement and Recreation facilities.

EMPLOYERS! HIRE MORE WORKERS PAY LESS TAXES

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program, a part of the Revenue Act of 1975 passed in the Congress, gives you, the employer, an incentive, in the form of tax credits, to hire certain targeted groups of workers.

By hiring TJTC applicants you qualify for a tax credit equal to 50 percent of the first year wages up to \$6,000 and 25 percent of the second year wages up to \$6,000 for each eligible employee. This means up to \$3,000 the first year and \$1,500 the second year.

There are seven targeted groups of individuals who have difficulty finding employment. The TJTC employee certification is simple and requires minimal involvement on your part. Several local, state and federal agencies determine employee eligibility. The Department of Employment Security issues the certification.

A voucher obtained by the applicant from a participating agency, tells you the worker is eligible. You need only complete a small part of the form and mail it back to DES.

For more information on the TJTC program, call 277-3726. To list your TJTC job openings, call 277-6950.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1980, must be filed by October 31, 1980, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES			
	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sep. 1979
Total Placements	2,320	2,925	1,977
New Applications	6,657	6,493	5,219
New Openings Received	4,050	4,870	3,691

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	% Change from Aug.
Initial Claims	9,775	11,222	- 12.9
No. of Payments	74,490	91,700	- 18.8
Amt. of Payments	\$6,160,428	\$7,380,907	- 16.5
Exhaustions	1,724	1,853	- 7.0

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	% Change from Aug.
Initial Claims	3,206	1,835	+ 74.7
No. of Payments	32,130 *	114	-
Amt. of Payments	\$2,648,367 *	\$8,233	-

* Increase due to retroactive payments made in September.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed SEPTEMBER 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	17,189	100.0
Men	8,654	50.3
Under 45	6,456	74.6
45 and over	2,198	25.4
Women	8,535	49.7
Under 45	5,188	60.8
45 and over	3,347	39.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,248	7.3
Manufacturing	7,327	42.6
Public Utilities	871	5.1
Trade	2,673	15.6
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	336	2.0
Service	2,495	14.5
All Other	2,239	13.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,535	14.7
Clerical and Sales	2,694	15.7
Service	1,366	7.9
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	139	0.8
Processing	851	5.0
Machine Trades	2,357	13.7
Bench Work	2,832	16.5
Structural Work	1,743	10.1
Miscellaneous	1,802	10.5
Not Available	870	5.1

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	453,400	448,700	456,600
Unemployment	34,500	35,900	31,200
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	8.0	6.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.6	7.4	6.7

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	30,425	32,110	29,310
Unemployment	1,433	1,620	1,580
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	5.0	5.4

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	14,028	15,105	14,190
Unemployment	868	1,010	870
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.8	6.7	6.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	126.8	124.9	133.7	+ 1900	- 6900	\$225.04	\$204.09	39.9	39.4	\$5.64	\$5.18
DURABLE GOODS	54.8	54.1	56.6	+ 700	- 1800	255.02	233.11	41.0	40.4	6.22	5.77
PRIMARY METALS	7.8	7.8	8.2	0	- 400	275.36	261.22	43.5	44.2	6.33	5.91
FABRICATED METALS	9.0	9.1	10.1	- 100	- 1100	216.50	203.90	38.8	38.4	5.58	5.31
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.4	9.4	9.6	0	- 200	308.29	289.73	42.7	43.7	7.22	6.63
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.9	10.4	11.8	+ 500	- 900	219.69	199.12	39.3	38.0	5.59	5.24
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.2	3.1	3.3	+ 100	- 100	261.75	250.86	42.7	44.4	6.13	5.65
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	7.4	7.1	6.3	+ 300	+ 1100	284.28	236.33	41.5	37.1	6.85	6.37
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	5.0	5.4	0	- 400	231.92	215.42	40.3	40.8	5.73	5.28
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.1	2.2	1.9	- 100	+ 200	223.86	201.00	39.0	34.3	5.74	5.86
NONDURABLE GOODS	72.0	70.8	77.1	+ 1200	- 5100	202.41	184.30	39.0	38.8	5.19	4.75
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	25.7	25.2	29.5	+ 500	- 3800	178.22	163.24	37.6	37.7	4.74	4.33
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.5	3.4	- 100	0	230.37	210.32	36.8	36.2	6.26	5.81
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	11.9	11.8	12.5	+ 100	- 600	208.24	193.05	41.9	40.9	4.97	4.72
APPAREL	3.8	3.7	3.7	+ 100	+ 100	201.62	183.02	41.4	41.5	4.87	4.41
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 200	223.69	211.50	41.5	42.3	5.39	5.00
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0	291.69	260.16	39.1	38.6	7.46	6.74
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 200	299.53	279.90	38.5	40.1	7.78	6.98
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.7	1.3	1.7	+ 400	0	218.90	190.13	39.8	37.8	5.50	5.03
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.5	5.5	5.6	0	- 100	216.89	202.40	38.8	39.3	5.59	5.15
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.1	2.9	3.4	+ 200	- 300	154.28	126.73	38.0	35.9	4.06	3.53
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0	178.19	169.79	37.2	37.9	4.79	4.48

1979 FIGURES REVISED 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY

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† LABOR DISPUTE

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND

(Per 100 Employees)

AUGUST 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979
MANUFACTURING	6.4	9.3	6.8	3.4	2.4	5.2	6.0	9.6	6.8	2.7	1.6	4.6	2.4	6.9	1.1
DURABLE GOODS	7.2	6.3	5.2	3.0	2.1	4.3	7.0	7.6	5.2	2.3	1.3	3.3	3.7	5.5	0.9
Primary Metals	5.1	4.1	3.7	1.4	1.4	2.7	7.7	4.4	3.1	2.2	1.4	2.2	5.0	2.7	0.2
Fabricated Metals	3.6	10.3	4.4	2.8	2.2	3.7	4.2	11.0	6.1	2.2	1.9	2.9	0.6	7.8	1.4
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.0	1.1	3.3	0.9	0.8	2.4	2.9	1.7	3.1	1.0	0.4	0.9	1.3	0.2	1.6
Electrical Mach.	7.4	8.1	5.9	1.4	0.9	5.5	9.7	9.5	6.7	2.4	1.3	5.0	6.0	7.8	0.8
Instruments-Optical	12.0	3.9	4.4	1.8	1.6	4.2	4.9	17.9	4.0	1.7	1.2	3.0	2.2	16.0	0.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	12.6	7.3	8.8	8.8	4.4	6.6	10.9	5.1	8.3	4.9	1.8	5.8	5.0	2.5	1.2
NONDUR. GOODS	5.8	11.6	8.0	3.8	2.7	5.8	5.3	11.2	7.9	3.0	1.9	5.6	1.4	8.1	1.2
Food-Beverage	4.1	10.2	15.2	2.0	1.5	7.1	3.7	5.1	10.4	2.3	1.6	6.1	1.1	2.3	3.4
Textiles	5.3	21.8	7.5	3.5	3.2	5.3	4.9	20.9	7.8	2.7	1.8	4.1	1.2	16.3	2.4
Apparel	3.8	14.6	7.2	1.6	1.7	4.9	6.0	6.6	7.3	1.2	0.9	3.9	4.1	4.3	2.7
Paper & Allied Prod.	6.4	12.9	7.6	4.4	1.5	6.7	4.9	13.4	8.6	3.3	0.5	5.9	0.6	11.5	1.0
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	8.1	10.0	6.7	3.4	2.1	5.0	4.6	14.3	6.9	2.8	2.2	5.0	0.3	11.1	0.2
Jewelry & Silverware	6.2	9.8	8.1	4.3	3.2	5.8	5.7	9.7	7.4	3.4	1.7	5.5	1.4	7.3	1.0
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	5.5	6.8	7.5	4.1	3.1	6.3	5.6	6.6	9.0	3.4	2.5	7.5	1.4	3.1	0.7

RATES FOR AUGUST 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JULY 1980 AND AUGUST 1979 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1980	Sept. 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	394.9	391.9	406.9	+ 3000	- 12000
MANUFACTURING	126.8	124.9	133.7	+ 1900	- 6900
NONMANUFACTURING	268.1	267.0	273.2	+ 1100	- 5100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.7	13.1	15.4	- 400	- 2700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.2	13.9	+ 100	- 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.8	78.1	82.2	+ 1700	- 2400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.3	20.4	21.0	- 100	- 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	82.6	81.6	81.7	+ 1000	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.4 †	60.6	59.0	- 1200	- 400

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Transportation and Public Utilities firms gained 100 workers over the month to reach a total of 13,300, mostly due to returning school bus drivers being added to private payrolls. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms remained relatively stable, losing 100 jobs (mostly in Real Estate and Banking) to a total of 20,300.

Government payrolls declined by 1,200 jobs in mid-September, partially attributable to a labor dispute involving educational personnel. Normal seasonal attrition occurring in Municipal governments, where summer workers were terminated, was more than enough to offset increases due to returning school employees. Federal payrolls declined by 100 jobs and State Government jobs declined by 300.

Construction employment, already at low levels, declined by 400 workers to a total of 12,700 in mid-September.

MANUFACTURING

The number of manufacturing employees in September was estimated at 126,800, an increase of 1,900 jobs in the month, but still 6,900 below the figure of one year ago.

Durable Goods employment rose by 700 jobs to 54,800. The largest gain in this sector was reported by firms manufacturing electrical machinery, where an increase of 500 jobs (mostly returns from temporary layoffs) brought the total to 10,900. Transportation equipment firms added 300 jobs in the month to reach 7,400. Stone, Clay, and Glass firms added 100 jobs, while Fabricated Metals and Lumber/Furniture establishments each lost 100 jobs. The other three segments were stable over the month.

Nondurable Goods employment grew by 1,200 jobs in September to a total of 72,000. Jewelry/Silverware firms added 500 jobs in the month to reach 25,700 and Rubber Products establishments added 400 jobs (mostly returns from vacation layoffs) to total 1,700. General business increases resulted in the addition of 200 jobs in Leather manufacturing, while Apparel and Textiles each grew by 100 jobs. Food/Beverages firms dropped 100 jobs and the other five segments were stable over the month.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average manufacturing workweek increased 1.5 hours in September to 39.9 hours. Average hourly earnings for these factory production and related workers in Rhode Island rose 5 cents an hour in the month to \$5.64, producing a gross weekly earnings figure of \$225.04 in September, up \$10.38 in the monthly comparison.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	457.4	459.9	455.2
Unemployment	27.7	33.6	26.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.1	7.3	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.7	7.2	6.4

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NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.
Professional, Clerical & Sales 277-3579
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3559
Hotel, Hospital, Household &
Restaurant 277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. No. 523 277-3521
294-4505
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARREN, 57 Everett Street 245-9300
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 838-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010